

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 356

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Andre K. Fowlkes as a director of the Tennessee regulatory authority.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-1-101, creates the Tennessee regulatory authority; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-1-101, authorizes the governor to appoint one (1) of the directors of the Tennessee regulatory authority; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has recently appointed Andre K. Fowlkes of Memphis to serve as a director of the Tennessee regulatory authority during a term that will commence on July 1, 2011, and expire on June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fowlkes is currently the owner of Innpowerment, a business focused on empowering people to use innovation and take advantage of the resources and opportunities available to them; and

WHEREAS, Andre Fowlkes is also a weekly business columnist for *The Commercial Appeal*, assists LaunchMemphis as Director of Civic Entrepreneurship, and serves on the Advisory Board for the Memphis Area Teacher's Credit Union, as well as Economic Opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Andre Fowlkes has served as the Vice Chairman of the Memphis and Shelby County Metropolitan Charter Commission and is the chairman of a grassroots effort to build the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center of Memphis; he is the co-creator of "Community Is Opportunity," an incubator for non-profits, and he served as Executive Director and Chairman of the Small Business Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fowlkes volunteers his time and resources to organizations such as MPACT Memphis, National Bipolar Foundation, IDEAS, and LaunchMemphis; he has

conducted fundraising efforts for the William J. Clinton Foundation's Millennium Network and Save the Children's Hurricane Katrina efforts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fowlkes's extensive experience in both the public and private sectors will be valuable to the Tennessee regulatory authority; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-1-101, provides that each appointment to the Tennessee regulatory authority shall be confirmed by a joint resolution of the general assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of Andre K. Fowlkes of Memphis, Tennessee, to serve a six (6) year term as a director of the Tennessee regulatory authority, such term to commence on July 1, 2011, and expire on June 30, 2017.