

SENATE RESOLUTION 71

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Mr. J. Brian Ferguson to the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-202, provides for the creation of the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-2-202, further provides that the Governor shall appoint twenty-two members to serve on that Board; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Mr. J. Brian Ferguson of Jonesborough, Tennessee, to serve on the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee representing the First Congressional District; Mr. Ferguson will serve on the Board during a term that will expire on May 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a highly successful businessman, Mr. Ferguson retired in 2010 after a distinguished career with the global chemical company Eastman, which he served as chairman and chief executive officer from 2002 forward. Prior to that time he served as president of Eastman Chemical Group, having joined the Eastman company in 1977, and led several of its businesses in the United States and Asia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson has also rendered sterling service as an Independent Director of NextEra Energy, Owens-Corning, Inc., and the American Chemistry Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ferguson's vast professional experience would be a tremendous asset to the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-202, provides that all members appointed by the governor to the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of J. Brian Ferguson to the Board of Trustees of the University of Tennessee for a term to expire on May 31, 2017.