

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 675

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Dr. Kent Gallaher to the education standards recommendation committee for science.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, requires the state board of education to adopt "[new] sets of standards in science and social studies that fit the needs of Tennessee students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-310(a), requires that such standards "be adopted through an open, transparent process that allows all Tennesseans an opportunity to participate ... and fully implemented in Tennessee public schools in the 2017-2018 school year"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, provides for the creation of the standards recommendation committee for science and social studies to facilitate such process; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-313, further provides that the "standards recommendation committee [be] appointed in the same manner as the standards recommendation committee created in § 49-1-312"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), provides that the speaker of the house shall appoint three (3) members to the standards recommendation committee; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Beth Harwell has appointed Dr. Kent Gallaher to serve on such committee; and

WHEREAS, born in Jackson, Dr. Kent Gallaher is a native Tennessean and a member of one of the founding families of this State; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gallaher completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Lipscomb University in 1991 and earned a Ph.D. in Plant Physiology from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1996; and

WHEREAS, he has built a career in the area of curriculum design and new program development and has designed or consulted on science curriculum at a number of universities, including Lipscomb University, Abilene Christian University, and DePaul University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gallaher currently serves as Professor and Academic Chair of the Department of Biology at Lipscomb University; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(b), provides that all appointments to the committee "shall be subject to confirmation by the senate and the house of representatives"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we confirm the appointment of Dr. Kent Gallaher to the education standards recommendation committee for science.