

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 677

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Dr. Deborah A. Cole to the board of trustees of Tennessee State University.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-101, provides for the governance of Tennessee State University by a board of trustees; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, provides that the governor shall appoint eight (8) members to the board of trustees of Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed Dr. Deborah A. Cole to the board of trustees of Tennessee State University for a term that will expire June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Deborah A. Cole serves as president and chief executive officer of Citizens Savings Bank & Trust Co.; and

WHEREAS, she earned bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from Tennessee State University, where she was honored with the university's Women of Legend & Merit Award in 2007; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong learner, Dr. Cole also holds a Doctor of Divinity degree in Theocentric Business and Ethics and has credentials from Louisiana State University's Graduate School of Banking of the South; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Deborah Cole is a person of integrity who brings a strong commitment to the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-201, provides that each member appointed by the governor to the board of trustees of Tennessee State University shall be confirmed by the general assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this body confirms the appointment of Dr. Deborah A. Cole to the board of trustees of Tennessee State University for a term that will expire June 30, 2025.