

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 679

By Lamberth

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Billy P. Atkins to the board of trustees of Austin Peay State University.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-101, provides for the governance of Austin Peay 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 Austin Peay State University; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed Billy P. Atkins to the board of trustees of Austin Peay State University for a term that will expire June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Billy P. Atkins is the chairman and chief executive officer of Legends Bank; a veteran of the banking industry for more than fifty-six years, he dedicated twenty-eight years of his career to Northern Bank of Tennessee, being elevated to senior vice president and member of the board of directors, before it was sold to First American; in 1998, when First American merged with a larger institution, Mr. Atkins founded Legends Bank in Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, as a longtime Montgomery County resident, Mr. Atkins has dedicated himself to improving his community; he helped found the Economic Development Council and has served as president of the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the Industrial Development Board of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, a 1977 graduate of Louisiana State University's Graduate School of Banking of the South, Mr. Atkins was named a Leader of Banking Excellence in 1996 by the Tennessee Bankers Association; and

WHEREAS, Billy Atkins 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 Austin Peay 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 Billy P. Atkins to the board of trustees of Austin Peay State University for a term that will expire June 30, 2025.