

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1239

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Benita Albert to the standards recommendation committee for English language arts and mathematics.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), creates a standards recommendation committee for English language arts and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), requires that such committee "review and evaluate the recommendations of the two (2) standards review and development committees and post the recommendations to the web site created pursuant to § 49-1-311(a)(3) for the purpose of gathering additional feedback from the public"; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-312(a), further requires that the committee "make the final recommendations as to the new set of standards to the state board, which shall adopt sets of standards in English language arts and mathematics that fit the needs of Tennessee students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)"; and

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

WHEREAS, Lt. Governor Randy McNally, Speaker of the Senate, has appointed Benita Albert to serve on such committee; and

WHEREAS, Benita Albert taught mathematics at Oak Ridge High School (ORHS) in Oak Ridge for forty-four years before retiring in 2013; she has served on State curriculum committees, chaired the ORHS Math Department, and developed post-AP courses in calculus (linear algebra, multi-variable calculus, and differential equations) and Math Thesis, an alliance with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory to support student research opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Albert has worked for the College Board in various roles, and she has coauthored several calculus textbook ancillaries, including the *AP Teacher's Guide for Mathematics* and *Calculus Calculator Labs*; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Albert was awarded the 1991 Presidential Award for Mathematics and honored as a member of *USA Today's* 2007 All-American Teacher Team; 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we confirm the appointment of Benita Albert to the standards recommendation committee for English language arts and mathematics.