

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 832

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Mr. John Ross to the state forestry commission.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, provides for the creation of a state forestry commission within the department of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, further provides that the governor shall appoint seven (7) members to the commission; and

WHEREAS, Governor Phil Bredesen has recently appointed John Ross of Savannah, Tennessee, to the state forestry commission as the owner or representative of an owner of five hundred (500) acres or more of forest within the state as a board member during a term that will expire on June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross is graduate of Vanderbilt University with bachelor of art in English, and he earned his doctor of jurisprudence from Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross and his family own seven thousand five hundred (7,500) acres of land consisting of pine plantations and natural stands of hardwoods; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross was awarded the 2003 Tennessee Tree Farmer of the Year and was a finalist in 2005 for the Southern Regional Tree Farmer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ross is a trustee emeritus of the Tennessee Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, the President of the Hardin County Forest Landowners Association, and a director of the Tennessee Forestry Association; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, provides that all members appointed to the state forestry commission by the governor shall be subject to confirmation by joint resolution of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of Mr. John Ross of Savannah, Tennessee, for a five (5) year term on the state forestry commission, such term to expire on June 30, 2014.