

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 90

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Michael Bittel of Knoxville to the heritage conservation trust fund board of trustees.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-7-104(a), provides for the creation of the heritage conservation trust fund board of trustees; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-7-104(b), provides that the governor shall appoint eleven (11) members to the board; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed Michael Bittel of Knoxville as a member of the heritage conservation trust fund board representing East Tennessee, to a term that will expire on October 31, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bittel previously served as the CEO of the Adirondack Chamber of Commerce in New York, and before that, he was the co-CEO of The King Arthur Flour Co. in Vermont and the COO of Hometown Healthcare; and

WHEREAS, he already serves as one of the public members on the Tennessee board of medical examiners; and

WHEREAS, Michael Bittel has vast experience in the agricultural field, ranging from advising members of the U.S. Congress on agricultural policy to chairing multiple committees dealing with land conservation; he wrote two land conservation bills that were ultimately added to the 2014 Farm Bill and passed by Congress; and

WHEREAS, he is also an avid hunter/fisherman/outdoorsman who has a passion for land conservation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bittel graduated from Skidmore College in 1989 with a degree in business and government; and

WHEREAS, Michael Bittel is a person of integrity and an active citizen whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well-being of this State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-7-104(b)(2), provides that each member appointed by the governor to the heritage conservation trust fund board of trustees shall be confirmed by joint resolution of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body confirms the appointment of Michael Bittel to the heritage conservation trust fund board of trustees for a term that will expire on October 31, 2027.