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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Donnie Smith to the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-201, provides for the governance of the University of Tennessee by the board of trustees; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-202, provides that the governor shall appoint ten members to the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Lee has appointed Donnie Smith to the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee to a term that expires June 30, 2030; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith is the former chief executive officer and chairman of Foster Farms and the former president and chief executive officer of Tyson Foods, Inc., one of the world's largest food companies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, he and his wife, Terry, pledged \$3.2 million to the University of Tennessee (UT) to establish an endowment for international sustainable agriculture, and in 2018, the Smiths funded the Smith Center for International Sustainable Agriculture at UT's Institute of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith brings valuable experience and knowledge to the board of trustees; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-202, provides that each member appointed by the governor to the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee 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 does hereby confirm the appointment of Donnie Smith to the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee for a term that expires June 30, 2030.