

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 100

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Sharon Jean-Phillipe 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 Bill Lee has appointed Sharon Jean-Phillipe to the state forestry commission as an at-large member for a term that expires on June 30, 2029; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Jean-Phillipe received her master's degree in botany from the University of Tennessee (UT) in 2005 and then returned to Knoxville to earn her Ph.D. in natural resources; and

WHEREAS, beginning her career as an assistant professor at UT, Knoxville in 2010, Dr. Jean-Phillipe became a full-time professor of urban forestry in 2021; and

WHEREAS, she currently serves as the faculty director of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships in the university's Division for Student Success; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jean-Phillipe is also a UT-Ag Extension specialist and an International Society of Arboriculture certified arborist; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-4-201, provides that each member appointed by the governor to the state forestry commission shall be confirmed by 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 we confirm the appointment of Sharon Jean-Phillipe to the state forestry commission for a term that expires on June 30, 2029.