

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2754 AND
SENATE BILL 2601 RELATIVE TO THE FORMATION AND
APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL LIBRARY BOARDS.

WHEREAS, Since the expiration of the longstanding city/County Sales Tax Agreement in 2011, the City of Chattanooga has assumed complete financial responsibility of the local library system; and

WHEREAS, Current state law restricts library boards to seven member; and

WHEREAS, State Representative Vince Dean and State Senator Bo Watson have graciously agreed to sponsor House Bill 2754 and Senate Bill 2601 as they relate to the formulation and appointment of local library boards, and

WHEREAS, In order to incorporate broader citywide, ethnic, and gender representation, the City of Chattanooga would like to offer our support for House Bill 2754 and Senate Bill 2601 which as written, would allow all cities and counties in Tennessee the right to increase their local library boards from seven to eleven members if they so choose.

NOW THEREFORE, the Chattanooga City Council wishes to offer this resolution in support of House Bill 2754 and Senate Bill 2601 as submitted to the 107th Tennessee General Assembly, in order to give our local library board better citywide, ethnic, and gender representation.

ADOPTED: February 21, 2012

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