

ORIGINAL

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-45

**RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT OF A TVA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS ELECTRICITY CREDIT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, high quality public school systems are an integral component of economic development, positively impacting workforce preparation, business recruitment, job creation and retention in the Tennessee Valley; and

WHEREAS, public school systems are the largest local government consumers of electricity in the Tennessee Valley; and

WHEREAS, the recent TVA rate increase of 7.4% has increased the costs of local governments in the Tennessee Valley for the operation of the public schools; and

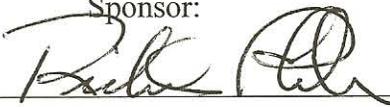
WHEREAS, this spike in the payments from public school systems to TVA for electricity comes at a time of budget austerity for the public schools, with many systems facing severe budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, the public school systems are in dire need of financial relief to maintain and hopefully improve the educational systems in the Valley; and

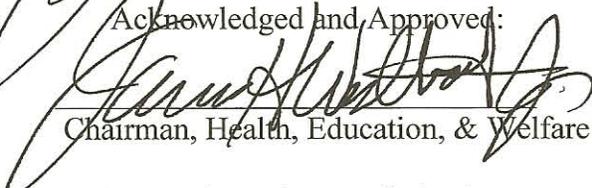
WHEREAS, just over a decade ago, after the previous recession, TVA instituted a successful public schools (and jobs credit) program whereby all public schools in the TVA region, including primary and secondary schools, technology centers and colleges and universities received a 10% credit on their power bills for two years; and

WHEREAS, a public schools electricity credit program similar to the one instituted just over a decade ago would be of great benefit to the people of the Valley and its future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Weakley County, meeting in regular session on this 28th day of June, 2004 in Dresden, Tennessee that the TVA Board of Directors be requested to establish a Public Schools Electricity Credit Program to assist Public Schools across the Valley in their attempt to improve education and workforce preparation which is an important part of economic development across the great TVA region.

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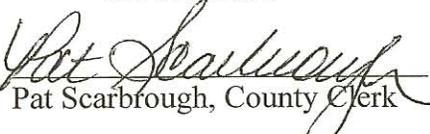
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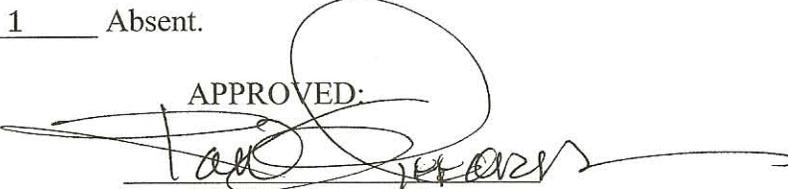

Acknowledged and Approved:


Chairman, Health, Education, & Welfare

Motion made by Commissioner Phebus that the foregoing resolution be adopted; Motion seconded by Commissioner Westbrook.

Upon being put to a roll call vote, Motion carried by a vote of 17 Yeas,
0 Nays, 0 Passed and 1 Absent.

ATTESTED:

Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

APPROVED:


Ron Gifford, County Mayor

This the 28th day of June, 2004.