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The President today announced his intention to nominate William H. Walker, III, of Brownsville, Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. His area of responsibility will be Rural Development. He will succeed William W. Erwin who resigned effective June 22, 1975.

Since June 1975, Mr. Walker has been Deputy Administrator of the Agriculture Marketing Service for the Department of Agriculture. He has been a self-employed farmer since 1961. He served as Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture for the State of Tennessee from 1971 to 1975. From 1969-70 he served in the Tennessee House of Representatives.

Mr. Walker was born on October 28, 1933, in Memphis, Tennessee, and received his B.S. degree in 1958 and his M.S. in 1961 from the University of Tennessee.

Mr. Walker is married to the former June Derryberry and they have two children. They reside in McLean, Virginia.

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