

House Resolution 1144

By: Representatives Reeves of the 34th, Williams of the 37th, and Anulewicz of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Leadership Cobb and the Leadership Cobb Class of 2020; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Leadership Cobb was founded in 1983 by a nucleus of leaders in order to train
4 new leaders to guide Cobb County's future; and

5 WHEREAS, Leadership Cobb owes a special debt of gratitude to its founders, Harris Hines,
6 Johnny Isakson, Phil Sanders, and Jay Whorton, and their vision for Cobb County, as well
7 as the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce for its continued support of the program; and

8 WHEREAS, Leadership Cobb, from hundreds of qualified applications, selected only 50
9 diverse and exceptionally qualified individuals for the Class of 2020 to provide a learning
10 environment that enhances personal and professional growth designed to benefit the
11 individual, his or her local community, and the entire Atlanta region; and

12 WHEREAS, the time commitment includes eight full-day sessions from September to May,
13 four evening sessions, two three-day retreats, as well as time to attend Spotlight on
14 Leadership programs, participate in class projects, prepare homework for upcoming sessions,
15 and attend a graduation ceremony, all of which require serious dedication but also help the
16 participants become more engaged citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, the Leadership Cobb Class of 2020 is led by Leadership Cobb Alumni Mike
18 DeWitt, Melissa Perignat, Wendy Bunch, and Matt Teague; Ashley Ward from the Cobb
19 County Chamber of Commerce; and dozens of alumni who volunteer for committees to plan
20 each program day; class members include Julia Ayers, Diane Benson-Brown, Kim Blass,
21 Scott Cline, Pam Conner, Nancy Couch, Daniel Cummings, Jason Cunningham, Katina
22 Cunningham, Andrew Dill, Matt Eyrich, Fran Friedrich, Bradley Fulkerson, Andy Gaines,
23 Lindsay Gardner, Carl Garner, Jeff Goldberg, Brad Gubler, Kellie Hill, Lindsay Hill, Gerlda
24 Hines, Michele Howard, Jon Ingram, Christian Jacobsen, Kristi Janman, Vanita Keswani,

25 Gilles LaMarche, Katie Leonard, Juliana Lindley, Barbara LoRusso, John Loyd, Fallon
26 McClure, Billy Miles, Jr., Rachel Miller, Kevin Milman, Jamie Moody, Kevin Nicholas,
27 Rosan Petrillo, David Quiroga, LeAnne Richards, Natalie Rutledge, Geoffrey Schmidt, Chris
28 Sizemore, Joe Stockman, Brian Sullivan, Bill Tanks, Dan Timko, Stephen Vault, Bill
29 Volckmann, and Carly Westcott; and

30 WHEREAS, the Leadership Cobb Politics Day Committee, composed of Leadership Cobb
31 Alumni Teri Anulewicz, Mark Carter, Sarah Douglas, Jeff Drobney, Kim Ellet, Jerry
32 Fountain, Slade Gulledge, Julie Jacobs, Karyn Matthews, Keylan Mitchell, Michael Paris,
33 Robert Quigley, and Jason Shepherd and lead by Co-Chairs State Representative Bert Reeves
34 and Cobb Probate Court Judge Kelli Wolk, has created a program where the Leadership
35 Cobb Class of 2020 will spend January 22, 2020, learning more about how their government
36 works and operates, better equipping them to be even more engaged citizens; and

37 WHEREAS, the Leadership Cobb Class of 2020's motto, "Focus. Insight. Vision.," will
38 ensure that the lessons the class takes away from their Leadership Cobb experience will
39 allow them to approach the future to clearly see their role in creating a better Cobb County
40 community.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
42 the members of this body commend Leadership Cobb and the members of the Leadership
43 Cobb Class of 2020 for their dedication to community service and their commitment to
44 improving opportunities for local citizens.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
46 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
47 Leadership Cobb and the Leadership Cobb Class of 2020.