

## Senate Resolution 14

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Albers of the 56th, Rhett of the 33rd and Esteves of the 6th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Leadership Cobb and the Leadership Cobb Class of 2023; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Leadership Cobb was founded in 1983 by a nucleus of leaders in order to train  
4 a new group of 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; their vision for Cobb County; and the Cobb  
7 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 2023 to provide a learning  
10 environment that enhances personal and professional growth designed to benefit the  
11 individual, their 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, and two three-day retreats, as well as time to attend Spotlight on  
14 Leadership programs, participation in community engagement, homework to prepare for

15 upcoming sessions, and a graduation ceremony, all of which requires serious dedication but  
16 helps the participants become more engaged citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, the Leadership Cobb Class of 2023 is led by Leadership Cobb alumni, including  
18 chairs Sam Olens and Holly Quinlan as well as vice chairs Betsy Madrerohon and Brian  
19 Marcos, with assistance from Michele Howard and Kai Lawrence from the Cobb County  
20 Chamber of Commerce and dozens of alumni who volunteer for committees to plan each  
21 program day; and

22 WHEREAS, the Leadership Cobb Class of 2023 includes members Val Akopov, Alex  
23 Almodovar, Tiffany Barney, Megan Benvenuto, Chris Britton, Flynn Broady, Daniel  
24 Browne, Ann Burris, Stacey Chapman, Robin Cheramie, Braxton Cotton, Stephanie Cox,  
25 Michael Cunningham, Chad Curry, Ross Dicken II, Joy Doss, Corey Ferguson, Lara Ferreira,  
26 Marla Ferrell, Lynn Flanders, Matt Giddens, Joseph Goldstein, Michael Gordon, Tim Gould,  
27 Christopher Hansard, Ashley Jenkins, Bobby Johnson, Sheree Knowles, Jessica Lee, Joseph  
28 Malbrough, Taneesha Marshall, Felicia McDade, Tamie Montgomery, Komal Patel, Drew  
29 Raessler, Taylor Rambo, Amy Reeves, Adam Ross, Mike Schroeder, Monique Sheffield,  
30 Jennifer Stanley, Falecia Stewart, Sean Stewart, Lydia Stinson, Lisa Sunday, Andrea  
31 TheoJohn, Chris Thomas, Dennette Thornton, Hillary Thrower, Aimee Turner, Michael  
32 Urbina, Bobby Van Buren, Chris Young, and Katherine Zitch; and

33 WHEREAS, the Leadership Cobb Politics Day Committee composed of Leadership Cobb  
34 alumni Teri Anulewicz, Julia Ayers, Phillip Beggs, Chuck Boring, Jessica Gill, Kellie Hill,  
35 Wes Jackson, Karyn Matthews, John Moeller, Jason Saliba, Devan Seabaugh, Amanda Seals,  
36 Jason M. Shepherd, and Sasha Ugi and led by co-chairs Bert Reeves and Carmen Chubb has  
37 put together a program where the Leadership Cobb Class of 2023 will spend January 18,

38 2023, learning more about how their government works and operates, better equipping them  
39 to be even more engaged citizens; and

40 WHEREAS, the Leadership Cobb Class of 2023's motto, "Together We Can," will ensure  
41 that the lessons the class takes away from their Leadership Cobb experience will allow them  
42 to approach the future and see clearly their role in creating a better Cobb County community.

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
44 commend Leadership Cobb and the members of the Leadership Cobb Class of 2023 for their  
45 dedication to community service and their commitment to improving opportunities for local  
46 citizens.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
48 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Leadership Cobb  
49 and the Leadership Cobb Class of 2023.