

Senate Resolution 372

By: Senators Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Tippins of the 37th, Tate of the 38th, Thompson of the 14th and Rhett of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Leadership Cobb and the Leadership Cobb Class of 2022; 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 2022 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 2022 is led by Leadership Cobb Alumni Wendy
18 Bunch, Matt Teague, Sam Olens, and Holly Quinlan, with assistance from Michele Howard
19 and Kai Lawrence from the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce, and dozens of alumni who
20 volunteer for committees to plan each program day; and

21 WHEREAS, the class further includes members Jeremy Abernathy, Waseem Ahmed, Callie
22 Andrews, Odessa Archibald, Daneea Badio-McCray, Eric Baker, Maranie Brown, Scott
23 Bryant, Ross Cannon, Cynthia Cox, Nick Dawe, Kris Delaney, Allie Donahue, T.J.
24 Ferguson, Jessica Gill, Sonya Grant, Karen Hill, Latonia P. Hines, Luci Hogue, Bridges
25 Holmes, Marty Hughes, Tre' Hutchins, Wes Jackson, Drew Kelley, Nicole Lawson, Alan
26 Levine, Brad Meriwether, Brendan Murphy, Titus Nichols, Matt Patterson, Tricia Patterson,
27 Katie Pearson, Lori Phillips, Brian Sanders, Kerri Sauer, Wes Smith, Earl Smith, Shawn
28 Strohpaull, Debbie Thatch, Roz Tucker, Sasha Ugi, Felicia Wagner, Becky Westenberger, Jud
29 Whitney, Eric Widner, Thomas Williams, Kimberly Williamson, and David Younker; and

30 WHEREAS, the Leadership Cobb Politics Day Committee composed of Leadership Cobb
31 alumni, Julia Ayers, Phillip Beggs, Jennifer Bennett, Ross Cavitt, Andrew Dill, Judge Ann
32 Harris, Judge Kellie Hill, Joyette Holmes, Julie Jacobs, Bob Ott, Michael Owens, Tammi
33 Saddler Jones, Jason Saliba, Amanda Seals, Greg Shenton, Jason Shepherd, Kimberly Sherk,
34 and Judge Kelli Wolk led by co-chairs State Representative Teri Anulewicz and Bert Reeves
35 have put together a program wherein the Leadership Cobb Class of 2022 will spend January
36 19, 2022, learning more about how their government works and operates, better equipping
37 them to be even more engaged citizens; and

38 WHEREAS, the Leadership Cobb Class of 2022's motto, "All Access, Access All," will
39 ensure that the lessons the class takes away from their Leadership Cobb experience will
40 allow them to approach the future and see clearly their role in creating a better Cobb County
41 community.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
43 commend Leadership Cobb and the members of the Leadership Cobb Class of 2022 for their
44 dedication to community service and their commitment to improving opportunities for local
45 citizens.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
47 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Leadership Cobb
48 and the Leadership Cobb Class of 2022.