

## Senate Resolution 473

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Butler of the 55th, Davenport of the 44th, Millar of the 40th and Henson of the 41st

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Coach Napoleon B. Cobb; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Coach Napoleon B. Cobb earned a degree in physical education from Tennessee  
3 State University in Nashville, Tennessee, during which time he met his late wife, Pauline  
4 Cox Cobb, and their union produced four wonderful children; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Coach Cobb began his coaching career as a track coach at DuSable High School  
6 in Chicago, Illinois, where he coached for three years while earning his master's degree from  
7 George Williams University; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he moved to Berkeley, California, and spent four years in California watching  
9 and learning from the legendary "Speed City" program at San José State University; and
- 10 WHEREAS, eventually, he found his way back to his native Georgia, settling in DeKalb  
11 County at Gordon High School, while he earned three State Track and Field Championships  
12 in 1975, 1976, and 1978; and
- 13 WHEREAS, after a successful career at Gordon High School, he joined the collegiate ranks  
14 of Morehouse College, and in his 11 years at Morehouse, he witnessed the comings and  
15 goings of several All-American and world-class athletes; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he returned to DeKalb County to coach at Southwest DeKalb High School, and  
17 there, he became the only coach to win four or more state championships in AAAA and the  
18 first coach ever to have two of his high school students compete in the 2000 Olympics, both  
19 becoming champions in hurdle events, with Angelo Taylor winning a Gold Medal and  
20 Terrence Trammell winning a Silver; and
- 21 WHEREAS, in 2002, Coach Cobb became the only coach in NCAA history to have three  
22 track athletes run together on a state championship team, and in his 20 year career at

23 Southwest DeKalb High School, he sent more young men and women to colleges and  
24 universities than any other high school coach in the state; and

25 WHEREAS, in 2002, he was voted into the Track and Field Hall of Fame, and he has  
26 amassed one national championship; 13 county championships; ten state championships;  
27 numerous invitational and relay victories, both nationally and state-wide; 24 high school  
28 All-Americans; 22 college All-Americans; and three Olympic medal winners; and

29 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper for this body to recognize with particularity  
30 the outstanding accomplishments of this extraordinary individual.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
32 join together in recognizing Coach Napoleon B. Cobb and commend him on his outstanding  
33 career as a coach and for the positive influence he has had on countless individuals.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
35 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Coach Napoleon  
36 B. Cobb.