

## Senate Resolution 523

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Youth Advisory Council of Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Youth Advisory Council of Columbus, Georgia, a partnership between the  
3 City of Columbus and the Muscogee County School District, was inaugurated in 2001 with  
4 the mission of broadening the scope of youth leadership in the area through volunteer service  
5 and initiatives directed toward allowing youth input into policy issues, identifying issues of  
6 concern to youth, and participating in the development of positive solutions for problems  
7 confronting youth; and

8 WHEREAS, 78 members of the Youth Advisory Council were selected to represent the  
9 middle schools, high schools, and alternative schools of the Muscogee County School  
10 District; and

11 WHEREAS, the selection criteria for members included extracurricular activity,  
12 demonstrated leadership skills, community involvement, and recommendations; and

13 WHEREAS, the members of the first Youth Advisory Council have been visionary in  
14 identifying a number of issues concerning youth, including school violence, underage  
15 drinking, dress codes, peer pressure, school starting time, driver's education in schools,  
16 youth's role in raising the level of education, schools' policies regarding behavior, teen  
17 pregnancy, drug and alcohol use, and unity among youth; and

18 WHEREAS, projects and programs of interest to this exceptional group of young people  
19 include "Leader for a Day," an advisory committee for civic center events and entertainment,  
20 Habitat for Humanity, starting a tutorial program, mentoring, and a neighborhood cleanup;  
21 and

1 WHEREAS, the significant leadership of the outstanding members of the first Youth  
2 Advisory Council demonstrated the intelligence and diligence of the membership and the  
3 excellence of the concept.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
5 commend and congratulate the members of the Youth Advisory Council for a task well done  
6 and predict a bright future for each member and the Youth Advisory Council.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Youth Advisory Council.