

Senate Resolution 373

By: Senators Tippins of the 37th, Albers of the 56th, Thompson of the 14th and Shafer of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Cobb County School District for being named a 2015 Georgia Green
2 Ribbon School District and for its great work in environmental education and sustainability;
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the aim of United States Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools is to
5 inspire schools, districts, and institutions of higher education to strive for 21st century
6 excellence by highlighting exemplary practices and resources that all can employ; and

7 WHEREAS, the Green Ribbon award recognizes schools, districts, and institutions of higher
8 education that reduce environmental impact and costs; improve the health and wellness of
9 schools, students, and staff; and provide environmental education which teaches many
10 disciplines and is especially skilled at effectively incorporating STEM, civic skills, and green
11 career pathways. The combined achievement in all three of these areas serves as the basis
12 for recognition; and

13 WHEREAS, the Cobb County School District was one of two Georgia school districts named
14 a Georgia Green Ribbon School District for the year 2015; and

15 WHEREAS, this school district has reduced utility costs by more than \$6 million through
16 green initiative projects, such as geo-thermal heating and cooling systems and LED
17 technology; and

18 WHEREAS, the Cobb County School District provides a wide variety of programs in which
19 students and teachers may participate, such as Learning Gardens, Environmental Clubs,
20 Clean Air School, and the Cobb County Water Department's Green School Initiative, that
21 make an environmental difference in their schools, local community, and global community;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the Cobb County School District remains committed and supportive of science,
24 technology, engineering, and math learning in classrooms, and the district has two schools
25 that have been awarded STEM Program Certification by the Georgia Department of
26 Education; and

27 WHEREAS, Cobb County School District teachers have access to exemplary environmental
28 education from a number of community partners, such as Keep Cobb Beautiful, Cobb County
29 Parks and Recreation, and Cobb Water, and these partnerships provide teachers with
30 workshops, grants, and field studies.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 commend the Cobb County School District for being named a 2015 Georgia Green Ribbon
33 School District and recognize its commitment to inspiring and educating tomorrow's leaders
34 and preserving the natural beauty of this state.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Cobb County
37 School District.