



PROCLAMATION

Coach Napoleon B. Cobb Day

- WHEREAS: DeKalb County Board of Education and the DeKalb County School District celebrates the life of esteemed coach Mr. Napoleon B. Cobb; and
- WHEREAS: Mr. Napoleon B. Cobb, or Coach Cobb, as he was affectionally called, coached for over 40 years in the state of Georgia. Thirty of those years were with the DeKalb County School district. Coach Cobb coached at Gordon High School (Formerly McNair High School) and Southwest DeKalb High School. Coach Cobb retired from coaching in 2015 with a state championship after the Southwest DeKalb High School Boys' track team won the Class AAAAA state title; and
- WHEREAS: That same year, Coach Cobb was inducted into the Georgia Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame. He was recognized by the NCAA as the only coach in NCAA history to have three track athletes run together on the state championship team and then compete and graduate at the same time from the same university; and
- WHEREAS: Coach Cobb was recognized as the first high school coach to have two former athletes who were teammates in high school to earn Olympic medals in the same Olympics games; and
- WHEREAS: Coach Cobb graduated from Henry McNeal Turner High School in Atlanta and Tennessee State University. After graduating from Tennessee State University, Coach Cobb began his coaching and teaching career. Coach Cobb will be remembered for his tireless dedication to the District and the positive impact he made in the lives of our students; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the DeKalb County School District proclaims February 12, 2024, as Coach Napoleon B. Cobb Day in honor of his memory and in recognition of his decades of service to the DeKalb County School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DeKalb County School Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Devon Q. Horton, on behalf of the DeKalb County School District, do hereby acknowledge the outstanding career of Mr. Napoleon B. Cobb, "Coach Cobb," for his dedication and service to the DeKalb County School District.



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