

Senate Resolution 209

By: Senators Esteves of the 35th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, James of the 28th, Rhett of the 33rd, Albers of the 56th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating and commending Aaliyah Phillips, Miss Cobb County 2025; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Aaliyah Phillips was crowned Miss Cobb County 2025 at the 66th annual Miss
4 Cobb County Scholarship Competition in Marietta, Georgia, a title that recognizes her
5 dedication to education, leadership, and community service; and

6 WHEREAS, she will go on to compete for the title of Miss Georgia in June 2025, the winner
7 of which will represent the State of Georgia in the Miss America Competition; and

8 WHEREAS, the Miss Cobb County Scholarship Board additionally awarded her with a
9 \$10,000 cash scholarship to support her pursuit of a Doctor of Education in education policy
10 as well as her ultimate goal of serving as the Secretary of the United States Department of
11 Education; and

12 WHEREAS, a 2024 magna cum laude graduate of Columbus State University, she earned
13 a Bachelor of Science in elementary education while maintaining consistent placement on
14 the President's List and serving as a Student Government Association senator; and

15 WHEREAS, she has further honed her leadership skills by serving as a communications
16 intern for United States Senator Jon Ossoff, training at the Ron Clark Academy, and
17 attending the Disney Dreamers Academy; and

18 WHEREAS, Aaliyah is currently in her first year as a kindergarten teacher and has dedicated
19 over 500 hours to community service, actively participating in local events as a vocalist,
20 speaker, advocate, and volunteer; and

21 WHEREAS, she further serves as the founder of SPREAD: Spreading Literacy Through
22 Reading, an initiative focused on promoting literacy equality, through which she has
23 partnered with organizations such as Girls, Inc.; United Way of Greater Atlanta; the Literacy
24 Alliance; and Cobb Collaborative, Educating, Engaging and Empowering; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this distinguished young woman be
26 appropriately honored.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 congratulate Aaliyah Phillips for winning the title of Miss Cobb County 2025, commend her
29 for her outstanding service on behalf of the students of this state, and extend best wishes for
30 success in future competition.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Aaliyah Phillips.