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## DeKalb County Youth Commissioners Sworn In

July 15, 2010

**Decatur** – In January of this year, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners approved funding for the DeKalb County Youth Commission, which is an organization developed to engage DeKalb County students in civic and community activities to become effective leaders of the future. The inaugural group of the Youth Commission was sworn in at the Board of Commissioners Meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2010. This program, which was created by District 5 Commissioner Lee May, has 27 students from the tenth and eleventh grades that represent 15 DeKalb County High Schools.

“The Youth Commission is an innovative development and leadership training program established to prepare the youth of DeKalb for future leadership positions that will actively engage and educate them on local, national and global issues,” said Commissioner May, who developed the pilot program. “The program also engages participants in civic activities that will enrich both their lives and the lives of those with whom they interact on a daily basis. The program will expose the youth of our communities to new ideas and concepts, it will provide an opportunity for them to be of service to the community, and will equip them with the valuable leadership skills and training.”

This program focus on the Motto “Learn, Serve, Lead”, that is inclusive of student training, civic and community activities, and interacting with DeKalb County Governing Authority. Thus far the Youth Commission has completed a planning retreat and volunteer service activities to various community organizations.

For additional information, please contact Commissioner May Office at (404) 371-4745.

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