



YOUNKER'S 'SPECIAL DAY'

Cobb Superior Court Judge Tain Kell on Thursday swore in Southern Company executive Ron Younker, 52, to the Post 7 seat on the Cobb Board of Education, which represents such schools as Osborne High and Smith and Tapp middle schools.

With his wife, Pam Younker, at his side and one of their sons, David Younker, 25, a law student at the University of Georgia, behind him, Younker recited the oath of office with his left hand on the Bible of his wife's late grandfather and his right hand raised.

"This is a special day, without a doubt, in my life," said Younker to a small group of educators and supporters in the boardroom

on Glover Street.

"All of you are very special in our lives," he said.

Among those in attendance were Cobb school board members Betty Gray, Rev. Dr. John Crooks, Johnny Johnson, Lindsey Tippins and Holli Cash, as well as Superintendent Fred Sanderson, F&T Committee member Mike Russell, a number of school district administrators and members of the board's law firm, Brock Clay and former Cobb County Association of Educators president Gaye Shin.

"I know Ron and his family and they are good people," Kell said, citing Younker's love for God, family and country.

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