

House Resolution 1123

By: Representative Bell of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Dr. Joe L. Griffeth, Sr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Joe L. Griffeth, Sr., served his nation admirably and honorably during
3 World War II, thereafter returning to college to earn a bachelor's and master's degree; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Griffeth, became a high school teacher and principal at Commerce City
5 School; and

6 WHEREAS, his passion to become a physician led him to medical school and in 1958 he
7 opened his family medical and surgical practice in his home town of Commerce, where he
8 continued to practice medicine and tend to the medical needs of Jackson countians until his
9 retirement in 2000; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Griffeth has served as chairperson of the board of the
11 Banks-Jackson-Commerce Hospital and Nursing Home Authority, chief of the medical staff
12 of BIC Medical Center, and FAA examiner and accident investigator; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition to his primary medical and surgical practice, Dr. Griffeth has served
14 in leadership positions with the Medical Association of Georgia, the Georgia Academy of
15 Family Physicians, and the Ninth District Medical Society; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Griffeth has long played a significant role in the community affairs of
17 Jackson County including serving as the chairperson of the board of the First United
18 Methodist Church, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, on the board of
19 directors at First Commerce Bank, board member of the Northeast Georgia Council for Boy
20 Scouts of America, and as past president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce,
21 Cancer Society, and the American Heart Association; and

1 WHEREAS, he devoted substantial time and expertise to Kiwanis International by serving
2 for more than five decades, including a term as International Vice President, as well as a
3 local president; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Griffeth has been a soldier, educator, physician, farmer, business leader,
5 mentor, civic contributor, and friend to many citizens of Georgia.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
7 the members of this body honor and commend Dr. Joe L. Griffeth, Sr., for his many years
8 of outstanding service in the field of medicine and for his significant contributions to Jackson
9 County and the State of Georgia.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Joe L. Griffeth, Sr.