

Senate Resolution 355

By: Senators Cowser of the 46th and Jackson of the 24th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. David L. Levine as the Distinguished Older Georgian for
2 2009; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. David L. Levine was born August 30, 1919, and is still actively contributing
4 to his state and community in his 90th year; and

5 WHEREAS, he received a Bachelor of Science degree from City College of New York, a
6 Master of Social Work degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Doctor of Social
7 Work degree from the University of Minnesota, making him one of the first 100 people in
8 the nation to achieve this educational milestone; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. David L. Levine was recognized by the University of Georgia as a Professor
10 Emeritus of Social Work in 1990, and he has advanced the field of social work through his
11 teaching at the University of Minnesota, Florida State University, Syracuse University, and,
12 for the last four decades of his career, the Medical College of Georgia and the University of
13 Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Levine was united in love and marriage to the late Laura Levine for over
15 64 years; the couple was blessed with four loving and devoted children; and his loving care
16 for his spouse during her final years is an inspiration; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Levine has lived in Athens-Clarke County since 1969 and has earned a
18 reputation for his devoted service to the community and Georgia, serving as Founding
19 Director of the Athens Community Council on Aging and an active member of the Georgia
20 Council on Aging, the Georgia Gerontology Society Board of Directors, and the National
21 Association of Social Workers; and

22 WHEREAS, he has provided decades of service and advocacy to the field of mental health
23 through his service on the Olmstead Committee and his chairmanship of the new Northeast
24 Georgia Community Health Center Board; and

25 WHEREAS, he has influenced the lives of many students and fellow professionals through
26 his mentorship and his genuine concern for their lives and their careers in gerontology; and

27 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
28 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he has made of his life, he
29 makes this world a better place to live; and it is only fitting and proper that he be
30 appropriately recognized during Senior Week 2009.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body heartily
32 commends Dr. David L. Levine for his unselfish, dedicated, and loyal service to his
33 community and state and extends to him its most sincere best wishes for continued health and
34 happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. David L. Levine.