

Senate Resolution 61

By: Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Jones II of the 22nd and Watson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Dr. M. Ann Levett; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Dr. M. Ann Levett has served as a professional educator since 1976 and is
3 currently the Chief Academic Officer of the Savannah-Chatham Public School System; and

4 WHEREAS, she served as Dean of the School of Education at Macon State College and,
5 before that, was the Executive Director of the School Development Program, a national
6 school reform program at Yale University School of Medicine, in which capacity she
7 managed grants and projects valued at more than \$15 million; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Levett led reform efforts in several European cities, including Dublin,
9 London, Utrecht, and Rennes, and consulted on significant community development projects
10 in Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, the British Virgin Islands, and
11 several major cities in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, in October, 2007, she was appointed to the Board of Education for New Haven
13 Public Schools in New Haven, Connecticut; she has also served as a board member for two
14 charter schools in New Haven; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Levett has served in several key positions at the state level in Georgia,
16 including being appointed by Governor Perdue and Governor Deal to two major positions
17 on state education boards, and she has maintained her positions in several national and
18 international organizations; and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Levett earned a Bachelor of Science in Speech and Language Pathology
20 from Armstrong State College and a master's degree in Special Education, a master's degree
21 in Public Administration, and an Education Specialist degree in Educational Administration
22 from Georgia Southern University; and

23 WHEREAS, she earned her doctorate in Educational Administration at the University of
24 Georgia in 1992, and she has participated in leadership development programs at Harvard
25 University, Vanderbilt University, University of Delaware, University of California, San
26 Diego, and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and

27 WHEREAS, Dr. Levett has served as Chair of the Master's in Educational Leadership and
28 Principal Licensure programs at Antioch University McGregor in Yellow Springs, Ohio, and
29 has served as interim superintendent, deputy superintendent, assistant superintendent,
30 secondary principal, and special education teacher in the public school system; and

31 WHEREAS, she served as principal of Savannah High School and as a National Review
32 Panelist and Site Visitor for the United States Department of Education's National Blue
33 Ribbon Schools program for more than 12 years; and

34 WHEREAS, she is a speaker for state, national, and international conferences, and she serves
35 as an educational consultant for school districts, community organizations, universities, and
36 other entities; and

37 WHEREAS, Dr. Levett has created and conducted leadership development academies for
38 principals, aspiring administrators, and parent leaders in addition to programs designed to
39 address behavior management issues and special education concerns, and she serves as a
40 reviewer for two major education journals, *The Journal of Negro Education* and *The High*
41 *School Journal*; and

42 WHEREAS, her research interests include minority student achievement, leadership
43 development, parent education, and instructional leadership, and she has contributed to a
44 publication entitled *Good Food and Healthy Living for African American Families*.

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
46 commend Dr. M. Ann Levett for her contributions to education.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
48 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. M. Ann Levett.