

House Resolution 96

By: Representatives Moore of the 91st and Crawford of the 89th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Dr. Gregory B. Levett, Sr., and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Gregory B. Levett, Sr., has long been recognized for his expertise as a
4 mortician and funeral director and the compassionate role he has played during the most
5 difficult time of a family's life; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Levett and his wife, Betty, founded the world renowned Gregory B. Levett
7 & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory in 1980, growing the business to serve over 2,300
8 families a year, employing 175 full and part-time employees, with four locations and an
9 off-site crematory; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Levett began mastering the art of funeral service at a young age after being
11 introduced to the industry by his father, the late George W. Levett, Sr.; and

12 WHEREAS, the Levett legacy of providing traditional, thoughtful, and dignified funeral
13 services spans over four generations, with Dr. Levett passing on his knowledge and love of
14 caring for others to his children, Gregory Bernard, Jr., T. Lanier, and Deana, who are all
15 active in the daily operations of the business; and

16 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous organizations,
17 including the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, Georgia Funeral
18 Service Practitioners Association, DeKalb Chapter of the 100 Black Men of America, City
19 of Decatur Public School Board Council, NAACP, Salem Gate Merchants Association,
20 DeKalb Parks and Recreation Committee Board of Directors, Scottdale Planning Council,
21 South DeKalb Business League, as well as the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, Gwinnett
22 Chamber of Commerce, Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, and the Georgia Hispanic
23 Chamber of Commerce; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Levett has been recognized with numerous awards and honors, including
25 a Lifetime Achievement Award from President Barack Obama for his volunteer services,
26 Funeral Director of the Year from *American Funeral Director Magazine* in 2015, and the
27 Robert H. Miller Funeral Director of the Year in 2023; and

28 WHEREAS, the Levett family has donated over \$2 million to institutions of higher learning,
29 churches, hospitals, charities, and community organizations, with Emory Hillandale Hospital
30 dedicating a reception area of the emergency department to honor Dr. Levett and his wife;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
33 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in his honor.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
35 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 155 from I-285 to Snapfinger
36 Road in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Dr. Gregory B. Levett, Sr. Parkway.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
38 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Dr. Gregory B. Levett, Sr.
39 Parkway.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
42 Gregory B. Levett, Sr., and to the Department of Transportation.