House Resolution 1694

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Lumsden of the 12<sup>th</sup>, and Barton of the 5<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending 2024 Heart of the Community Award recipient Ann Pullen;
- 2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ann has lived in Rome since 1994; and

4 WHEREAS, Ann received her undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of

5 Georgia and her PhD from Georgia State University; and

6 WHEREAS, Ann retired from Kennesaw State University, where she was a professor of

7 history and the department chair; and

8 WHEREAS, Ann is an active member of the St. Peters Episcopal Church; and

9 WHEREAS, Ann and her late husband, George, worked to develop living spaces in a 10 building on the Cotton Block and were some of the earliest "loft residents" downtown; and

WHEREAS, Ann is always giving back to her community and volunteers in many activities
in Rome, including the Rome Area Council for the Arts, Rome Area Heritage Foundation,
City of Rome Historic Preservation Commission, Development Authority & Design

- 14 Committee, City of Rome Landmarking Committee, Fairview-ES Brown Heritage
- 15 Foundation Board, and Rome International Film Festival Board; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Ann is the Rome/Floyd international association coordinator, who is responsible
- 17 for organizing student exchanges with Kumamoto City, Japan, which also sponsored the
- 18 Rome International Festival in various years.

## 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that

20 the members of this body recognize Ann Pullen for her outstanding dedication to her

21 community, commend her as a recipient of the 2024 Heart of the Community Award, and

22 extend to her the most sincere best wishes for continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ann
Pullen.