

House Resolution 702

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th, and Barton of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2023 Heart of the Community Award recipients, Gaines
2 and Amy Dempsey; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Amy and Gaines Dempsey are both graduates of Darlington School and the
4 University of Georgia. Amy is a nurse is in Labor and Delivery at Atrium Health Floyd, and
5 Gaines is the owner of Dempsey Appraisal Company; and

6 WHEREAS, Amy and Gaines Dempsey have three daughters, Cade, Callie, and Elois; and

7 WHEREAS, with their faithful leadership, advocacy, and fundraising, the Dempseys have
8 championed establishing Extra Special People for Rome through a leap of faith; and

9 WHEREAS, Extra Special People provides opportunities for individuals with disabilities;
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11 WHEREAS, one component of Extra Special People is Java Joy, a coffee catering business;
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13 WHEREAS, Java Joy trains and employs adults with special needs as Joyristas and gives
14 them opportunities to interact with others, show their strength, and spread joy; and

15 WHEREAS, since Extra Special People began in Rome with Java Joy in 2020, it has already
16 expanded with activities for all ages and abilities, creating amazing stories of success.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize Amy and Gaines Dempsey for their outstanding
19 dedication to the community, commend them as recipients of the 2023 Heart of the
20 Community Award, and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued success.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Amy
23 and Gaines Dempsey.