

House Resolution 704

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2023 Honor Business Award recipient; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ford, Gittings and Kane Jewelers opened their store on Broad Street in Rome
4 in 1958; and

5 WHEREAS, Jan Jones Ferguson began working at Ford, Gittings and Kane Jewelers in 1973,
6 and under the guidance of Joe Gittings, she began her career as a certified gemologist and
7 became a co-owner of Ford, Gittings and Kane Jewelers in 1996; and

8 WHEREAS, a former Award of Honor recipient for the Heart of the Community, Jan Jones
9 Ferguson's mentorship has led her team to have a servant's leadership approach in Rome and
10 Floyd County; and

11 WHEREAS, the team at Ford, Gittings and Kane Jewelers have served the community by
12 volunteering and donating time and services to some of the following: Kickback to the
13 Community - in store Silent Auction for multiple Charities, Mission is Possible - Birthday
14 Club and projects for "Differently Abled Children," Rome Community Kitchen, One
15 Community United, Brighter Birthdays, Historic DeSoto Theatre Foundation "Evening on

16 the Runway," annual participation in the Heart of the Community Awards of Honor Gala and
17 Silent Auction, and more; and

18 WHEREAS, Ford, Gittings and Kane Jewelers have given much time and energy toward
19 making its community vibrant.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body recognize Ford, Gittings and Kane Jewelers for its outstanding
22 dedication to the community; commend Ford, Gittings & Kane Jewelers as a recipient of the
23 2023 Heart of the Community Business Award; and extend the most sincere best wishes for
24 continued success.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Ford,
27 Gittings and Kane Jewelers.