

## House Resolution 1788

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Coomer of the 14<sup>th</sup>, and Lumsden of the 12<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Heart of the Community Foundation 2018 Award of Honor  
2 recipient, Charles Smith; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Charles Smith graduated from East Rome High School in 1980; a gifted athlete,  
4 he played on the school's back-to-back championship teams in 1977 and 1978; he went on  
5 to study at the University of Georgia on a football scholarship and played on the 1980  
6 National Championship team; and

7 WHEREAS, after earning a master's degree in recreation from Ashford University, Charles  
8 continued his involvement in sports, serving as head football coach with Rome Middle  
9 School for more than 20 years; and

10 WHEREAS, his work in education included serving as a member of the Community Board  
11 of Rome City Schools and as Booster Club president and PTO president of Rome High  
12 School; and

13 WHEREAS, Charles founded the Distinguished Young Gentlemen Group at Anna K. Davie  
14 Elementary School; and he and his wife Regina founded the Building Positive Families  
15 Program in Rome; and

16 WHEREAS, Charles is a past vice-chair of Rome Floyd Parks and Recreation Authority and  
17 he serves on the Panel Review Board with the Juvenile Court System in Rome; and

18 WHEREAS, a proud father of six, Charles has been described as one who supports his  
19 community by "giving his heart, devoted time, and loyal support to programs that inspire and  
20 motivate youth"; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this  
22 exemplary and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
24 the members of this body recognize Charles Smith for his outstanding dedication to his  
25 community, commend him as a recipient of a Heart of the Community Foundation 2018  
26 Award of Honor, and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued success and  
27 happiness.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to  
30 Charles Smith.