

House Resolution 742

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2023 Heart of the Community Award recipient, Melissa
2 Phillips; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Melissa is an advocate for children; and

4 WHEREAS, Melissa has served eight years on the Board of Directors and as past president
5 of Harbor House - The Northwest Georgia Child Advocacy Center; and

6 WHEREAS, Melissa is an assistant coach of the Berry College Equestrian Team; and

7 WHEREAS, Melissa is part of Vikings Booster Club and fundraising efforts for the Berry
8 College Equestrian Team; and

9 WHEREAS, Melissa is a member of the Board of Directors of the Floyd-Polk-Chattooga
10 Medical Alliance; and

11 WHEREAS, Melissa is a member and club president of Townview Garden Club; and

12 WHEREAS, Melissa obtained a national grant for landscaping and renovation of the Harbor
13 House; and

14 WHEREAS, Melissa served two years as a kindergarten "Room Mom" at Berry Elementary
15 and planned the Kindergarten Wedding at Frost Chapel; and

16 WHEREAS, Melissa and her husband, Dan, live in Rome and have two children, both 11
17 years old, all of whom enjoy hiking, fishing, and traveling as a family.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body recognize Melissa Rutledge for her outstanding dedication to the
20 community, commend her as a recipient of the 2023 Heart of the Community Award, and
21 extend the most sincere best wishes for continued success.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
24 Melissa Rutledge.