

House Resolution 754

By: Representatives Lumsden of the 12th and Dempsey of the 13th

A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, Melissa Rutledge is the founder and organizer of Rome Knitterati; and

4 WHEREAS, Melissa is secretary and graphic designer with Rome International Film
5 Festival; and

6 WHEREAS, Melissa is a board member of Keep Rome-Floyd Beautiful; and

7 WHEREAS, Melissa is a former gallery coordinator and former board member at
8 Makervillage; and

9 WHEREAS, Melissa is a volunteer with Floyd Felines and the creator of Free Art Friday in
10 Rome; and

11 WHEREAS, Melissa also volunteers with Brighter Birthdays, Cancer Navigators, Rome
12 Downtown Development, CRBI "Catfish Kissing Contest," Davies Shelters, Hospitality

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13 House for Women Inc., Public Animal Welfare Services (P.A.W.S), and Rome Area Council
14 for the Arts (RACA); and

15 WHEREAS, Melissa is always working on at least one if not more community service
16 projects.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize Melissa Rutledge for her outstanding dedication to the
19 community, commend her as a recipient of the 2023 Heart of the Community Award, and
20 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
23 Melissa Rutledge.