

House Resolution 846

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th, and Coomer of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Exchange Club of Rome and its Americanism Committee for the
2 community service project they sponsored to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the
3 *Star-Spangled Banner*; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the United States celebrated the 200th anniversary of the *Star-Spangled Banner*
5 on September 14, 2014; and

6 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Exchange Club of Rome's Americanism Committee program
7 was to promote American heritage and patriotism in the Rome community and throughout
8 the Greater Rome area; and

9 WHEREAS, on the 200th anniversary of the United States national anthem, the Exchange
10 Club of Rome gave the citizens of Rome and Floyd County a replica of the American flag
11 that inspired the patriotic lyrics of the *Star-Spangled Banner*; and

12 WHEREAS, the club also gave the citizens of Rome and Floyd County a current 50 star flag,
13 and both flags fly over the City of Rome during the day and are properly illuminated during
14 the night as an example of respect for the symbol of the United States and of proper flag
15 etiquette; and

16 WHEREAS, Jackson Hill, one of the Seven Hills of Rome, was chosen as the site for flying
17 the replica of the original flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the heartfelt and
18 patriotic lyrics of the national anthem 200 years ago while he was experiencing the attack on
19 Fort McHenry by the British army; and

20 WHEREAS, the flag and his lyrics helped the American people establish their resolve,
21 overcome economic fear of losing valuable ports on the eastern shores, and establish
22 America as a truly sovereign nation among the nations of the world; and

23 WHEREAS, community leaders, the Exchange Club of Rome, and the youth of this great
24 community came together on the 200th anniversary of the national anthem to affirm that
25 America is truly a noble nation bound together through heritage and patriotism; and

26 WHEREAS, the Exchange Club of Rome has continuously served the Rome and Floyd
27 County community for 78 years; and

28 WHEREAS, the Americanism Committee of the Exchange Club of Rome is committed to
29 promoting pride in this county, this state, and this nation; respect for the flag; appreciation
30 of freedom; and passing American heritage from one generation to the next through a variety
31 of programs; and

32 WHEREAS, the program "Give a Kid a Flag to Wave" presents small American flags to
33 fourth grade children and teaches them respect for the flag and proper flag etiquette in the
34 school as well as in the community; and

35 WHEREAS, "Proudly We Hail" nominates, recognizes, and awards residents, businesses,
36 schools, and government agencies in a competitive program for properly displaying the
37 American flag; and

38 WHEREAS, the Exchange Club of Rome has presented Freedom Shrines to schools, the
39 Forum, and the Floyd County Courthouse.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
41 the members of this body commend the Exchange Club of Rome and its Americanism
42 Committee for the community service project they sponsored to commemorate the 200th
43 anniversary of the *Star-Spangled Banner*.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
45 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
46 Exchange Club of Rome.