

House Resolution 1780

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending 2018 Heart of the Community Award of Honor recipient,
2 Mike Burnes; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Mike served as a guardian of
4 this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy and retired as a Navy captain
5 in 2003; during his military service, Mike was Commanding Officer of VP-0545 in 1990 and
6 1991, and he has since worked as a Blue & Gold Officer/volunteer recruiter for the Naval
7 Academy; and

8 WHEREAS, Mike served with the Military Academy Selection Board under United States
9 Senator Saxby Chambliss, Congressman Phil Gingrey, and Congressman Tom Graves as
10 chairman; and

11 WHEREAS, his love for the sport of tennis has led him to be an invaluable volunteer leader
12 in his community, where he has held a variety of offices and board positions, serving with
13 the Rome Tennis Club/Coosa Valley Tennis Association, the Rome Tennis Center, the
14 Wheelchair Tennis Tournament, the U.S. Tennis Association Georgia, Foundation Camp at
15 Georgia Highlands, and the Teach Me Tennis Tournament for Children; and

16 WHEREAS, Mike's exemplary community involvement is further evidenced by his work
17 with Leadership Rome, Rome Floyd Parks and Recreation, and the Rome Convention and
18 Visitor's Bureau; and

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body recognize and commend Mike Burnes and congratulate him on
23 being a 2018 Heart of the Community Award of Honor recipient.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Mike
26 Burnes.