

House Resolution 1666

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Heart of the Community Foundation's 2020 Award of
2 Honor recipient Willie Mae Samuel; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Willie Mae Samuel is a native of Allendale, South Carolina, and she has been
4 a resident of Rome and Floyd County for 50 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Willie Mae Samuel received her undergraduate degree from Paine College in
6 Augusta and her master's degree in English from Atlanta University with a concentration in
7 African American Studies; and

8 WHEREAS, Willie Mae Samuel spent 31 years as a classroom teacher of high school
9 English, and since her retirement, she has involved herself in many phases of volunteer work;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Willie Mae Samuel's volunteer activities and recognitions include:

12 • Child advocate for youth programs sponsored by her sorority; and

13 • Volunteer organizer for 100 Black Men's Black History Bowl; and

14 • Founder of Gateway Performing Arts Troupe; and

15 • Community outreach coordinator for Thankful Baptist Church Soup Kitchen; and

16 • Director of cultural arts of Fairview/E. S. Brown Restoration Project; and

17 • Director of Fairview Glee Club Singers; and

18 • Advisor for Domestic Violence Organization; and

- 19 • Assistant program coordinator, East Rome Association's Senior Group at Fielder Center;
20 and
 - 21 • Director of Friday Night Drama Presentations, Martin Luther King Celebration; and
 - 22 • Contributing writer for *Rome News-Tribune*; and
 - 23 • Director and founder of African American Connection for Performing Arts since 2006; and
 - 24 • Judge for the League of Women Voters Annual Poetry Slam Contest; and
 - 25 • Board member of AHHA Organization in Cave Spring; and
 - 26 • Member of the Rome Housing Authority Grievance Committee for five years; and
- 27 WHEREAS, Willie Mae Samuel is married to Hardy Sams, and they are the proud parents
28 of two adult children, Pastor Steven Sams of Gainesville, Georgia, and Randy Robinson of
29 Rome, Georgia; and
- 30 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this
31 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.
- 32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize and commend Willie Mae Samuel and congratulate her
34 on being a Heart of the Community Foundation's 2020 Award of Honor recipient.
- 35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Willie
37 Mae Samuel.