

## House Resolution 514

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, Lumsden of the 12<sup>th</sup>, and Scoggins of the 14<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Nelle Holland Reagan (1936-2020), the 2021 Heart of the  
2 Community Award recipient; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, with a dazzling career in radio from 1960 to 2019, Nelle Holland Reagan was  
4 known as the matriarch of mass media and a pioneer in the broadcast industry who  
5 influenced and served as a mentor to other women; and

6 WHEREAS, Nelle's service in radio continued until her cancer diagnosis in December 2019,  
7 and prior to her death on February 7, 2020, she was active in the community; and

8 WHEREAS, her community projects, efforts, and awards included the 2013 Georgia Radio  
9 Hall of Fame; the 1961 Excellence in Journalism Award from the Associated Press; the Adult  
10 Leadership Award from the Rome Floyd Commission on Children and Youth; public affairs  
11 coordinator for Rome Radio Partners, where she used her show, *Talk of the Town*, to be the  
12 community voice; the Advisory Board for Blood Assurance; the Free Clinic of Rome Tomato  
13 Sandwich Supper; her silent auction strawberry cake with raised \$500 for Floyd Against  
14 Drugs; the Bob Richards Youth Detention Center, where she served for 20 years as chair; the  
15 2012 Grand Marshall Rome Christmas Parade; Keep Rome/Floyd Beautiful; the Shorter

16 College Board of Visitors; the Rome Symphony Orchestra Auxiliary; the Rome Civitan  
17 Club, where she served as president; and the West Rome United Methodist Church; and

18 WHEREAS, Nelle was unparalleled in her service to Rome and Floyd County, and the  
19 community was fortunate to be touched by her love, selflessness, and voice; and

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body honor the life and memory of Nelle Holland Reagan, commend her  
24 years of dedication to the community, and recognize her for receiving the 2021 Heart of the  
25 Community Award.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 family of Nelle Holland Reagan.