

## House Resolution 976

By: Representatives Barton of the 5<sup>th</sup>, Dempsey of the 13<sup>th</sup>, and Lumsden of the 12<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2025 Heart of the Community Young Heart Award  
2 recipient, Ciara McKnight; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ciara McKnight is a Rome, Georgia, native, the youngest of seven siblings, and  
4 combines her passion for family, community, and personal growth in all she does; and

5 WHEREAS, Ciara began her career in 2013, working with adolescents and later transitioning  
6 to roles supporting adults in the Georgia Department of Corrections; and

7 WHEREAS, Ciara serves as a Field Coordinator and Adjunct Teacher at Kennesaw State  
8 University and supports local nonprofits by sharing her expertise as a certified trainer; and

9 WHEREAS, her heart for youth empowerment has lead her to found A Teen's Choice, Inc.,  
10 A Dream Ball Gala, and The CASH Program; and

11 WHEREAS, Ciara is an Open Gym Coordinator, Trainer for Teen Communication, Senior  
12 Program Leader, Substance Abuse Group Facilitator, Mental Health Advocate, and Youth  
13 Mentor; and

14 WHEREAS, Ciara serves as the Board Chair for Chattooga Family Connection and the  
15 Family Well-being Workshop Host to strengthen family and community support systems;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Ciara is the organizer of Home for the Holidays and the Back-to-School Drive  
18 as well as a Prevention Group Facilitator, leading wellness and self-care programs and a  
19 Community Service Collaborator, working with agencies to support local needs; and

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body recognize Ciara McKnight for her outstanding dedication to the  
24 community, commend her as a recipient of the 2025 Heart of the Community Young Heart  
25 Award, and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued success.

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 Ciara  
28 McKnight.