

House Resolution 980

By: Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Dempsey of the 13th, and Barton of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2025 Awards of Honor recipient, Virginia Barrow
2 Harman; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Virginia Barrow Harman is a Senior Partner at McRae, Smith, Peek, Harman
4 & Monroe LLP; and

5 WHEREAS, Virginia cares deeply about access to justice for all of the communities of Rome
6 and Floyd County and the environment in which they live; and

7 WHEREAS, she has handled countless pro bono matters, particularly as they relate to the
8 cleanliness of rivers; and

9 WHEREAS, Virginia has served the community through her volunteerism with multiple
10 organizations, serving as Chair of the Board of the local chapter of the American Red Cross,
11 the Capital Fund Raising Committee for the Salvation Army local facility expansion, Planned
12 Giving Committee for the Floyd Healthcare Foundation, Board of Harbor House, Co-host
13 for the annual Pig and Paddle event, the Georgia and Rome Bar Association, the State Bar
14 of Georgia's Disciplinary Board's Review and Investigatory Panels, the Committee on
15 Lawyer Assistance Program for attorneys facing mental health crises and/or substance abuse

16 issues, as well as Cancer Navigators, Inc., Board Member, general counsel, and two terms
17 as Chair of the Board; and

18 WHEREAS, Virginia assisted Dr. Matt Mumber in creating the legal framework for the
19 organization which has grown over the decades into what is now known as Cancer
20 Navigators, Inc.; and

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22 WHEREAS, Virginia is dedicated to the effort of assisting cats and dogs in animal shelters,
23 particularly in rural shelters with few resources, and since 2017 has transported over 300
24 dogs and cats to rescues all over the southeast and has been a part of relay transports to
25 relocate dogs and cats all over the country to adopters and licensed rescue; and

26 WHEREAS, Virginia is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Conservancy
27 since 2018, serving as Chair of the Board for two years and as a member of the Executive
28 Committee.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body recognize Virginia Barrow Harman for her outstanding dedication
31 to the community, commend her as a recipient of the 2025 Heart of the Community Awards
32 Honor Recipient, and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued success.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
35 Virginia Barrow Harman.