

## House Resolution 2089

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

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2026 Heart of Community Award of Honor recipient Gail  
2 Veal; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a native of Rome, Gail Veal attended Model High School, earned a bachelor's  
4 degree from Shorter College, and worked as a special education teacher within the Floyd  
5 County School System before joining Rome City Schools; and

6 WHEREAS, Gail collaborated with Communities in Schools and served as both the Pre-K  
7 Coordinator and a dedicated Site Coordinator until her retirement in 2002; and

8 WHEREAS, Gail has served as a member of the Senior Promotion Council Board, A Voice  
9 For Votes, and the United Way of Rome & Floyd County; and

10 WHEREAS, Gail has participated as a One Community United decorator, MLK Jr. Annual  
11 Community Breakfast member and decorator, African American Connection for the Arts  
12 assistant to the director, and on the Rome/Floyd NAACP Veterans and Education  
13 Committee; and

14 WHEREAS, Gail has actively supported Anna K. Davie Elementary School as a mentor, the  
15 Miss Rome/Northwest Georgia Board of Directors, the Coosa Valley Fair Queen  
16 Competition as candidate assistance, and Toys for Tots as an assembler and donor; and

17 WHEREAS, Gail has been the distinguished recipient of the Rome City Schools Support  
18 Employee of the Year Award in 2004 and 2023, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Most  
19 Valuable Soror in 2016 and 2018, and an Unsung SHero nomination by the Queens  
20 Ministry; and

21 WHEREAS, Gail Veal has blessed the Rome and Floyd County community through her  
22 compassion and dedication, and she is the embodiment of selfless service whose life work  
23 has been entirely devoted to bettering the world around her.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize Gail Veal for her outstanding dedication to the  
26 community, commend her as a recipient of the 2026 Heart of Community Award of Honor,  
27 and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued success.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Gail  
30 Veal.