

## House Resolution 2090

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 Board of Governors Award  
2 recipients Rick and Sundai Stevenson; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Rick and Sundai Stevenson are compassionate people who are motivated by  
4 faith, grounded in love for people, and serve with their whole hearts; and

5 WHEREAS, Rick's strength as a communicator, collaborator, and bridge-builder was evident  
6 as he helped lead the 2017 Education SPLOST effort, speaking with clarity in the face of  
7 complexity, easing tensions, and offering hope—he serves on multiple boards, reflecting a  
8 lifetime of commitment to community growth, youth mentorship, and cultural enrichment;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Sundai has served on the Rome City Commission and became the city's first  
11 Black female mayor, and her work with the MLK Commission, the Chamber of Commerce,  
12 local nonprofits, and her church highlights a life of service; and

13 WHEREAS, together, Rick and Sundai form a team whose impact reaches far beyond titles  
14 or positions, and their influence can be felt in the lives of the families they have supported  
15 and the collaborations they have built; and

16 WHEREAS, Rick is currently serving on the AdventHealth Redmond Board of Trustees,  
17 Boys and Girls Club of Northwest Georgia Board, One Community United Executive Board,  
18 and Rome International Film Festival Board; and

19 WHEREAS, Sundai is currently serving on the Floyd County Development Authority Board,  
20 Open Door Home Board, Rome Symphony Board, Blister for My Sister Advisory Board, and  
21 as the M. L. King Jr. Celebration Committee Chairperson; and

22 WHEREAS, Rick and Sundai are making lasting, positive differences in their community  
23 and the City of Rome.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 the members of this body recognize Rick and Sundai Stevenson for their outstanding  
26 dedication to the community, commend them as recipients of the 2026 Heart of Community  
27 Board of Governors Award, 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 Rick  
30 and Sundai Stevenson.