

House Resolution 1301

By: Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Lumsden of the 12th, Scoggins of the 14th, and Barton of the 5th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the 2022 Heart of the Community Award recipient David
2 Thornton; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a native of Rome, Georgia, David serves as chaplain to the Floyd County Police
4 Department, Floyd County Sheriff's Office, Gordon County Sheriff's Office, E-911, Metro
5 Drug Task Force, Georgia Homeland Security Division, and Armuchee High Football Team;
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7 WHEREAS, he also serves as senior chaplain emeritus of the Georgia Sheriff's Association;
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9 WHEREAS, David is the founder of Essential Church for First Responders, and he leads
10 local ministers in service at the jail and fulfills other local needs in the community; and

11 WHEREAS, he is active in the Rome Georgia Cares Program for Hurricane Relief and is
12 vice president of the Rome Noon Optimist Club; and

13 WHEREAS, he serves as a referee for high school basketball and as a volunteer coach; and

14 WHEREAS, David is united in love and marriage to his wife, Teresa, and their marriage has
15 been blessed with five children and 13 grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, David takes care of officers and their families, as well as the incarcerated in his
17 community and in other communities in this state; a selfless individual, he truly cares about
18 all people and takes action to make lives better.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize David Thornton for his outstanding dedication to the
21 community, commend him as a recipient of the 2022 Heart of the Community Award, and
22 extend the most sincere best wishes for continued success.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to David
25 Thornton.