

House Resolution 520

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dr. Matthew McClain, the 2021 Heart of the Community
2 Award recipient; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Matthew McClain has been a radiologist with Rome Radiology Group since
4 2006; a graduate of Georgia State University and the Medical College of Georgia, he
5 completed a diagnostic radiology residency and a musculoskeletal radiology fellowship at
6 the University of Virginia and has been a driving force in elevating the standard of care and
7 improving radiology in Rome and the State of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, even before the national recognition of the potential impact of COVID-19, Dr.
9 McClain anticipated the challenges and potential impact on the community and devoted
10 hours upon hours of research in an effort to understand the virus and therapy options before
11 creating a nonprofit organization in spring 2020 called Plasma Therapy, which has been
12 dedicated to supporting the medical community with treatment options for COVID-19; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. McClain's community projects, awards, and efforts also include the
14 following: serving as a research investigator in 2020 with the HCA Research Institute, as part
15 of the Exchange Club Family Resource Center Board of Directors, as president of Rome
16 Radiology from 2014 to 2018, as the chief resident at Medical College from 2003 to 2004,

17 and as the Georgia State delegate to the American College of Radiology from 2002 to 2005,
18 as well as receiving the 2003 Outstanding President of the Year Award from Medical College
19 of Georgia Diagnostic Radiology and the 2000 Pediatric Radiology Student of the Year
20 Award from Medical College of Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. McClain is married to Heather McClain, and they are the proud parents of
22 four children, Jack, William, Lily Anne, and Analise; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. McClain is an individual with the highest standards, a tremendous work
24 ethic, and a deep and sincere dedication to patient welfare, and it is abundantly fitting and
25 proper that the outstanding contributions of this exemplary and distinguished person be
26 appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
28 the members of this body recognize and commend Dr. Matthew McClain for his outstanding
29 dedication to the community and for receiving the 2021 Heart of the Community Award and
30 extend the most sincere best wishes for continued success.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Dr.
33 Matthew McClain.