



Rep. Katie Dempsey
R-13

Biography

Chairman Appropriations Human Resources Sub-Committee

Katie Dempsey was elected in November 2006 to represent Georgia House District 13, which includes the city of Rome and additional precincts in Floyd County. Over the last eight years, Katie has taken on a number of leadership roles, including currently serving as Chairman of the Appropriations Human Resources Sub-Committee. Katie also serves on the Economic Development & Tourism Committee; the Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Committee; the Health and Human Services Committee; the Higher Education Committee; the Rules Committee and the Transportation Committee. In 2011, Katie served as Chief Deputy Whip of the House.

In addition to her House leadership positions, Katie serves by appointment of the Speaker of the House on the Coosa North Georgia Water Planning Council, Regional Transportation Roundtable, the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities Coordinating Council, Recreational Authorities Overview Committee, and the Anatomical Gifts Procedures Advisory Board. Previously, Katie served on the Special House and Senate Joint Committee on Immigration Reform, the House Study Committee for Pain Management and the Hospital Tax and Indigent Care Study Committee. She graduated from the Georgia Legislative Leadership Institute and Emerging Political Leaders Program at Darden School of Business Coverdell Leadership Institute.

Katie also works with regional and national leadership organizations, serving on the Southern Legislative Conference's Economic Development, Transportation & Cultural Affairs Committee and on the National Conference of State Legislators' Education Committee.

Prior to her service in the State House, Katie served two terms on the Rome City Commission serving in a number of capacities, including Chairman of the Community Development Committee. From her position on the city Commission, Katie gained statewide notoriety for her leadership on municipal issues. She served as statewide co-chair of the Joint Workgroup on Economic Development for the Georgia Municipal Association, the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, and the Georgia Economic Developers Association, and was an active member in the National League of Cities. She was also appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Local Transportation, helping improve roadways in Rome and around the state.

Katie's elected service is only part of the way she has served her community. Katie has served on the boards of numerous organizations including the Exchange Club Family Resource Center, as a trustee of the Floyd Medical Center, and as President of the Floyd Healthcare Foundation. She is active in the Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce, the Rome Symphony Orchestra, the Rome Junior Service League, and an alumna of Leadership Rome. She is an active member of First United Methodist Church of Rome and a member of the Northwest Georgia Emmaus Community. In 1990, Katie was named Child Advocate of the Year by the Rome/Floyd County Commission on Children and Youth. In 1995, Katie was named a recipient of the Heart of the Community Award. In 2003, the Exchange Club named its community volunteer award after her and made her the first recipient of the Katie Dempsey Star Volunteer Award.

Katie is married to Lynn Dempsey, a native of Rome, and the couple has lived in Rome since 1974. Since graduating from the University of Georgia with a degree in Early Childhood Education, Katie has helped run two successful small businesses in our community. The Dempsey's daughter, Corie, and her husband, Andrew Swan, are the parents of their daughter Taylor and their son Patterson. Gaines, the Dempsey's son, and his wife, Amy, are the parents of their daughters Cade, Callie, and Eloise.