

House Resolution 1388

By: Representatives Dickey of the 140th, Holmes of the 129th, Epps of the 144th, Taylor of the 173rd, Blackmon of the 146th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending all Georgia PlanFirst communities for their outstanding and
2 commendable community planning efforts and accomplishments; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, 29 years ago this General Assembly enacted the Georgia Planning Act, which
4 established that the State of Georgia will maintain an essential public interest in protecting
5 and preserving the natural resources, environment, and vital areas of the state, and that it will
6 serve these interests through coordinated and comprehensive planning by all local
7 governments; and

8 WHEREAS, local governments throughout our state have undertaken the tasks necessary to
9 adopt and implement comprehensive plans which will protect and enhance the quality of life
10 within their respective communities; and

11 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recognizes the important role that cities and counties play
12 in fostering the state's image as an attractive place in which to invest, conduct business, and
13 raise a family; moreover, planning creates an environment of predictability for economic
14 development, property owners, and the general public; and

15 WHEREAS, it is the wish of the House of Representatives to recognize and honor those
16 communities that have dedicated their purposeful work toward establishing a vision for their
17 future growth and development, and that have taken the steps necessary to set a path needed
18 to achieve this vision; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs acknowledges the importance
20 of coordinated and comprehensive planning to the state, and therefore the PlanFirst program
21 has been created to recognize those communities in Georgia that have shown an exemplary
22 history of comprehensive plan development and implementation; and

23 WHEREAS, this House of Representatives is justly proud to honor the PlanFirst Class of
24 2018 which includes the City of Adel, City of Byron, City of Forsyth, City of Griffin, City
25 of Jesup, City of Perry, City of Thomasville, City of Tifton, and Crawford County for their
26 outstanding and commendable community planning efforts and accomplishments; and further
27 includes the Town of Braselton, City of Vienna, City of Woodstock, and Jones County for
28 their continued commitment to successful planning implementation and hereby designates
29 them as Georgia PlanFirst communities; and

30 WHEREAS, it is the sense of this House of Representatives that those local governments that
31 enhance the well-being and vitality of their communities and have shown a long and
32 sustained commitment to excellence in planning and plan implementation certainly have
33 earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great state.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body pause in their deliberations to honor the City of Douglas, City of
36 Dunwoody, City of Vidalia, and Cook County for their many community planning
37 accomplishments, in conjunction with the Georgia Planning Act.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to these
40 distinguished communities for the purpose of their respective local governments to highlight
41 their worthy accomplishments and further promote the Georgia PlanFirst program to other
42 local governments around and about the great State of Georgia.