

Senate Resolution 1001

By: Senators Tillery of the 19th, Black of the 8th, Kennedy of the 18th, Walker III of the 20th, Thompson of the 14th 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 Senate to recognize and honor those communities that have
16 dedicated their purposeful work toward establishing a vision for their future growth and
17 development, and that have taken the steps necessary to set a path needed to achieve this
18 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 Senate is justly proud to honor the PlanFirst Class of 2018 which includes
24 the City of Adel, City of Byron, City of Forsyth, City of Griffin, City of Jesup, City of Perry,
25 City of Thomasville, City of Tifton, and Crawford County for their outstanding and
26 commendable community planning efforts and accomplishments; and further includes the
27 Town of Braselton, City of Vienna, City of Woodstock, and Jones County for their continued
28 commitment to successful planning implementation and hereby designates them as Georgia
29 PlanFirst communities; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
35 pause in their deliberations to honor the City of Adel, City of Byron, City of Forsyth, City
36 of Griffin, City of Jesup, City of Perry, City of Thomasville, City of Tifton, City of Vienna,
37 City of Woodstock, Crawford County, Jones County, and the Town of Braselton for their
38 many community planning accomplishments, in conjunction with the Georgia Planning Act.

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