

Senate Resolution 93

By: Senators Miller of the 49th, Ginn of the 47th, Jones of the 25th, Crane of the 28th, Stone of the 23rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the inaugural communities of the Georgia PlanFirst program and celebrating
2 the 25th anniversary of the implementation of the Georgia Planning Act; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the year 2015 marks the 25th anniversary of the implementation of the Georgia
5 Planning Act, which established that the State of Georgia maintains an essential public
6 interest in protecting and preserving natural resources, the environment, and the vital areas
7 of this state and which serves these interests through coordinated and comprehensive
8 planning by all local governments; and

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, the Senate is justly proud to honor Athens-Clarke County, the Town of
25 Braselton, Coweta County, the City of Gainesville, Johnson County, Jones County, the City
26 of Madison, the City of Suwanee, the City of Vienna, and the City of Woodstock for their
27 outstanding and commendable community planning efforts and accomplishments which
28 hereby designate them as the inaugural Georgia PlanFirst communities; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 commend Athens-Clarke County, the Town of Braselton, Coweta County, the City of
35 Gainesville, Johnson County, Jones County, the City of Madison, the City of Suwanee, the
36 City of Vienna, and the City of Woodstock for their many community planning
37 accomplishments in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the Georgia Planning Act.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
39 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Athens-Clarke
40 County, the Town of Braselton, Coweta County, the City of Gainesville, Johnson County,
41 Jones County, the City of Madison, the City of Suwanee, the City of Vienna, the City of
42 Woodstock, and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.