

Senate Resolution 888

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Georgia PlanFirst Class of 2016; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the Georgia Planning Act established that the State of Georgia maintains an
3 essential public interest in protecting and preserving the natural resources, the environment,
4 and the vital areas of the state; and

5 WHEREAS, local governments throughout the state have undertaken the tasks necessary to
6 implement comprehensive plans which protect and enhance the quality of life within their
7 respective communities; and

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

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs acknowledges the importance
13 of coordinated and comprehensive planning to the state, and the PlanFirst program was
14 created to recognize those communities in Georgia that have shown an exemplary history of
15 comprehensive plan development and implementation; and

16 WHEREAS, this body is justly proud to honor the Georgia PlanFirst Class of 2016, which
17 includes the cities of Dublin, Lula, Porterdale, and Roswell, Columbus Consolidated, and
18 Gwinnett and Liberty Counties, for their outstanding and commendable community planning
19 efforts and accomplishments which hereby designate them as Georgia PlanFirst
20 communities; and

21 WHEREAS, the local governments that enhance the well-being and vitality of Georgia's
22 communities and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence in plan

23 development and implementation have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens
24 of this great state.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize the Georgia PlanFirst Class of 2016 for their many community planning
27 accomplishments in conjunction with the Georgia Planning Act.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
30 PlanFirst Class of 2016.