

Senate Resolution 288

By: Senators Tillery of the 19th, Millar of the 40th, Black of the 8th and Harper of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia PlanFirst Class of 2017; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, twenty-seven years ago, the Georgia General Assembly enacted the Georgia
3 Planning Act which established that the State of Georgia maintains an essential public
4 interest in protecting and preserving the natural resources, the environment, and the vital
5 areas of the state and to serve these interests through coordinated and comprehensive
6 planning by all local governments; and

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, the Senate is justly proud to honor the PlanFirst Class of 2017, which includes
23 the City of Douglas, City of Dunwoody, City of Vidalia, and Cook County, for their

24 outstanding and commendable community planning efforts and accomplishments which
25 hereby designate them as Georgia PlanFirst communities; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend the Georgia PlanFirst Class of 2017 for their many community
32 planning accomplishments in conjunction with the Georgia Planning Act.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia
35 PlanFirst Class of 2017.