

House Resolution 393

By: Representatives Taylor of the 79th and Hanson of the 80th

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 House of Representatives to recognize and honor
15 those communities that have dedicated their purposeful work to establishing a vision for their
16 future growth and development and have taken the steps necessary to set a path needed to
17 achieve this vision; 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 House of Representatives is justly proud to honor the PlanFirst Class of
23 2017, which includes the City of Douglas, City of Dunwoody, City of Vidalia, and Cook

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

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

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

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 Georgia PlanFirst Class of 2017.