

House Resolution 396

By: Representative Marin of the 96th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the PlanFirst program and the City of Centerville, City of
2 Chamblee, Colquitt County, City of Fitzgerald, City of Hiawassee, City of Swainsboro, City
3 of Sylvester, City of Toccoa, and City of Washington for their many community planning
4 accomplishments, in conjunction with the Georgia Planning Act; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, thirty years ago, the General Assembly enacted the Georgia Planning Act,
6 which established that the State of Georgia shall maintain an essential public interest in
7 protecting and preserving its natural resources, the environment, and the vital areas of the
8 state and serve these interests through coordinated and comprehensive planning by all local
9 governments; and

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs acknowledges the importance
21 of coordinated and comprehensive planning to the 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, this body is justly proud to honor the PlanFirst Class of 2019 which includes
25 the City of Centerville, City of Chamblee, Colquitt County, City of Fitzgerald, City of
26 Hiawassee, City of Swainsboro, City of Sylvester, City of Toccoa, and City of Washington
27 for their outstanding and commendable community planning efforts and accomplishments;
28 and further includes the Columbus Consolidated Government, City of Dublin, City of
29 Gainesville, Gwinnett County, Liberty County, City of Lula, City of Porterdale, City of
30 Roswell, and City of Suwanee for their continued commitment to successful planning
31 implementation, and hereby designates them as Georgia PlanFirst communities; and

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

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize and commend the PlanFirst program and the City of
38 Centerville, City of Chamblee, Colquitt County, City of Fitzgerald, City of Hiawassee, City
39 of Swainsboro, City of Sylvester, City of Toccoa, and City of Washington for their many
40 community planning accomplishments, in conjunction with the Georgia Planning Act.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
43 public and the press.