

House Resolution 54

By: Representatives Campbell of the 35th, Ballard of the 147th, Mathiak of the 82nd, Erwin of the 32nd, Williamson of the 112th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring several cities upon their designation as Georgia PlanFirst communities; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the year 2025 marks the 35th anniversary of the implementation of the Georgia
4 Planning Act, which established that the State of Georgia must maintain an essential public
5 interest in protecting and preserving the natural resources, the environment, and the vital
6 areas of the state as well as serve these interests through coordinated and comprehensive
7 planning by all local governments; and

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

11 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recognizes the important role communities play in
12 fostering the state's role as an attractive, inclusive place to invest, conduct business, learn,
13 live, engage in recreation, and raise a family; moreover, planning helps to create a
14 sustainable environment of predictability for economic development, property owners, and
15 all Georgians; and

16 WHEREAS, it is the wish of this legislative body to recognize and honor those communities
17 that have dedicated their purposeful work to establishing a vision for their future growth and
18 development and have taken the steps necessary to set a path needed to achieve this vision;
19 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 legislative body is justly proud to honor the City of Acworth, the City of
25 Alma, the City of Augusta, the City of Camilla, the City of Griffin, the City of Monroe, the
26 City of Toccoa, and the City of Warner Robins for their outstanding and commendable
27 community planning efforts and accomplishments, which hereby designate them as Georgia
28 PlanFirst communities; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
34 the members of this body honor the City of Acworth, the City of Alma, the City of Augusta,
35 the City of Camilla, the City of Griffin, the City of Monroe, the City of Toccoa, and the City
36 of Warner Robins for their many community planning accomplishments in conjunction with
37 the 35th anniversary of the Georgia Planning Act.

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