

## Senate Resolution 592

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Echols of the 49th, Watson of the 1st, Strickland of the 42nd and Anavitarte of the 31st

## A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 36th 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 image as an attractive place to invest, conduct business, and raise a  
13 family; moreover, planning creates an environment of predictability for economic  
14 development, property owners, and the general public; and

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

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

23 WHEREAS, this legislative body is justly proud to honor the City of Brookhaven, the City  
24 of Brunswick, Bryan County, the City of Cedartown, the City of Cochran, the City of  
25 Covington, the City of Douglas, the City of Dublin, the City of Gainesville, Gwinnett  
26 County, the City of Lawrenceville, Oconee County, the City of Sugar Hill, and the City of  
27 Woodstock for their outstanding and commendable community planning efforts and  
28 accomplishments, which hereby designate them as Georgia 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
34 honor the City of Brookhaven, the City of Brunswick, Bryan County, the City of Cedartown,  
35 the City of Cochran, the City of Covington, the City of Douglas, the City of Dublin, the City  
36 of Gainesville, Gwinnett County, the City of Lawrenceville, Oconee County, the City of

37 Sugar Hill, and the City of Woodstock for their many community planning accomplishments  
38 in conjunction with the 36th anniversary of the Georgia Planning Act.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
40 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the  
41 press.