

House Resolution 1363

By: Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Fleming of the 114th, Mathis of the 133rd, Rhodes of the 124th, Byrd of the 20th, and others

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 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 Brookhaven, the City
25 of Brunswick, Bryan County, the City of Cedartown, the City of Cochran, the City of
26 Covington, the City of Douglas, the City of Dublin, the City of Gainesville, Gwinnett
27 County, the City of Lawrenceville, Oconee County, the City of Sugar Hill, and the City of
28 Woodstock for their outstanding and commendable community planning efforts and
29 accomplishments, which hereby designate them as Georgia PlanFirst communities; and

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

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
35 the members of this body honor the City of Brookhaven, the City of Brunswick, Bryan
36 County, the City of Cedartown, the City of Cochran, the City of Covington, the City of
37 Douglas, the City of Dublin, the City of Gainesville, Gwinnett County, the City of
38 Lawrenceville, Oconee County, the City of Sugar Hill, and the City of Woodstock for their

39 many community planning accomplishments in conjunction with the 36th anniversary of the
40 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.