

## Senate Resolution 512

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Hatchett of the 50th, Watson of the 11th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Rhett of the 33rd and others

## A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, the year 2024 marks the 34th anniversary of the implementation of the Georgia  
4 Planning Act, which established that the State of Georgia maintains 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 serves 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 fitting and proper to honor those communities that have dedicated their  
16 purposeful work to establishing a vision for their future growth and development and have  
17 taken the steps necessary to set a path needed to 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, this legislative body is justly proud to honor the City of Bainbridge, the City  
23 of Cornelia, the City of Hawkinsville, the City of Marietta, and the City of Perry for their  
24 outstanding and commendable community planning efforts and accomplishments, which  
25 hereby designate them as Georgia PlanFirst communities; and

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

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
31 honor the City of Bainbridge, the City of Cornelia, the City of Hawkinsville, the City of  
32 Marietta, and the City of Perry for their many community planning accomplishments in  
33 conjunction with the 34th anniversary of the Georgia Planning Act.

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