

## Senate Resolution 216

By: Senators Johnson of the 1<sup>st</sup> and Thomas of the 2<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the Parade Committee Chairman Ted Robertson, the Grand  
2 Marshal, and other representatives of the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee; and  
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the 2001 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah will mark the 176th occasion on  
5 which this festive event has been held; and

6 WHEREAS, this celebration was begun in 1824 by the Hibernian Society of Savannah,  
7 which was formed to aid the early Irish immigrants to Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, many Irish organizations have contributed to the longevity and success of this  
9 celebration, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, which was formed in 1926, has  
10 carried on the tradition for the past 75 years; and

11 WHEREAS, the joyous and spirited celebration has grown to become the largest one day  
12 celebration in the southeast and the second largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the United  
13 States; and

14 WHEREAS, the parade is held in the lovely historic district of downtown Savannah and each  
15 year hundreds of thousands of visiting celebrants are irresistibly attracted by the city's charm  
16 and its wonderful hospitality; and

17 WHEREAS, eagerly awaited each year, it is a grand and glorious occasion for the citizens  
18 of Savannah, Chatham County, and the State of Georgia.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE that this body recognizes and  
20 honors the Chairman Ted Robertson, the Grand Marshal, and other representatives of the  
21 Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee for their efforts on behalf of the 2001

1 Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade and their many important contributions to their  
2 community and state.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
4 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Chairman Ted Robertson and the  
5 Grand Marshal of the 2001 Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade.