

House Resolution 754

By: Representatives Buckner of the 95th, Mueller of the 152nd, Stephens of the 150th, Pelote of the 149th, Jackson of the 148th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Robert James McGrath, the Grand Marshal of the 2001 Savannah Saint
2 Patrick's Day Parade; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Robert James McGrath served with honor and distinction as the Grand Marshal
4 of the 2001 Savannah Saint Patrick's Day Parade, the second largest in the nation and the
5 largest one-day celebration in the southeast due to the hospitality of the host city; 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 many Irish organizations
8 contributed to the long history of the celebration, most notably the Saint Patrick's Day Parade
9 Committee which was formed in 1926 and has sponsored the tradition for 75 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Robbie McGrath is a direct descendent of James and Catherine Leonard, both
11 born in County Cork, Ireland, and his family includes two former Grand Marshals, Edward
12 A. Leonard in 1956 and John J. Leonard in 1975; and he is a loyal supporter of the Irish
13 Society of Savannah and a longtime member of the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, he is married to Alieze Miner and they have nine children and 17 grandchildren,
16 and their family is a prime example of the proud Irish Catholic families of old Savannah.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body recognize and commend Robert James McGrath for his service as
19 the Grand Marshal of the 2001 Savannah Saint Patrick's Day Parade and convey to him their
20 appreciation of his important contributions to the success of this historic celebration.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
22 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Robbie McGrath.