

## Senate Resolution 198

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st and Thomas of the 2nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Chairman Hugh E.  
2 Coleman, the 2003 St. Patrick's Day Parade's Grand Marshal Lawrence S. "Pete" Conneff;  
3 and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the 2003 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah will mark the 179th occasion on  
5 which this festive event has been held in this historic city with proud Irish roots; 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 77 years; and

11 WHEREAS, according to one of Ireland's former Prime Ministers, "Ireland is where strange  
12 tales begin and happy endings are possible," and the same holds true for the beautiful City  
13 of Savannah; and

14 WHEREAS, this historic annual parade is among the largest Irish celebrations in the nation  
15 and it is held in the lovely historic district and is always a joyous and meaningful occasion  
16 for the citizens of Savannah, Chatham County, and the State of Georgia.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes and  
18 honors the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Chairman Hugh E.  
19 Coleman, and the 2003 St. Patrick's Day Parade's Grand Marshal Lawrence S. "Pete"  
20 Conneff for their tireless efforts in organizing and their great work on behalf of the 2003 St.  
21 Patrick's Day Parade and their many important contributions to their community and state.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
2 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee  
3 Chairman Hugh E. Coleman and the Grand Marshal of Savannah's 2003 St. Patrick's Day  
4 Parade Lawrence S. "Pete" Coneff.