

House Resolution 1441

By: Representatives Bordeaux of the 125th, Stephens of the 124th, Post 2, Jackson of the 124th, Post 1, Purcell of the 122nd, Stephens of the 123rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Chairman Vincent
2 Powers, the 2004 St. Patrick's Day Parade's Grand Marshal Father Joseph F. Ware, and
3 inviting them to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the 2004 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah will mark the 180th 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 78 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 this body recognizes and honors the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,
19 Chairman Vincent Powers, and the 2004 St. Patrick's Day Parade's Grand Marshal Father
20 Joseph F. Ware for their tireless efforts in organizing and their great work on behalf of the
21 2004 St. Patrick's Day Parade and their many important contributions to their community
22 and state and invite them to appear before this body on a date and at a time designated by the
23 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the St. Patrick's Day Parade
3 Committee Chairman Vincent Powers and the Grand Marshal of Savannah's 2004 St.
4 Patrick's Day Parade Father Joseph F. Ware.