

Senate Resolution 1035

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Chairman James "Jay"
2 Burke III, and the 2006 St. Patrick's Day Parade's Grand Marshal Anthony "Tony" Thomas
3 Ryan; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the 2006 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah will mark the 181st occasion this
5 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 79 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 James "Jay"
19 Burke III, and the 2006 St. Patrick's Day Parade's Grand Marshal Anthony "Tony" Thomas
20 Ryan for their tireless efforts in organizing, their great work on behalf of the 2006 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 James "Jay" Burke III and the Grand Marshal of Savannah's 2006 St. Patrick's
4 Day Parade, Anthony "Tony" Thomas Ryan.