

House Resolution 1518

By: Representative Day of the 163<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,  
2 Chairman John P. Forbes, and the 2008 St. Patrick's Day Parade's grand marshal, Dr.  
3 Francis P. Rossiter, Jr. M.D., and inviting them to appear before the House of  
4 Representatives; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the 2008 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, will mark the 184th  
6 occasion on which this festive event has been held in this beautiful historic city with proud  
7 Irish roots; and

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

10 WHEREAS, many Irish organizations have contributed to the longevity and success of this  
11 celebration, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, which was formed in 1926, has  
12 carried on the tradition for the past 82 years; and

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

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

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
20 this body recognizes and commends the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,  
21 Chairman John P. Forbes, and the 2008 St. Patrick's Day Parade's grand marshal, Dr.  
22 Francis P. Rossiter, Jr. M.D., for their tireless efforts and great work in organizing the 2008

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

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,  
4 Chairman John P. Forbes, and the 2008 St. Patrick's Day Parade's grand marshal, Dr.  
5 Francis P. Rossiter, Jr. M.D., are invited to appear before this body on a date and at a time  
6 designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the purpose of being  
7 recognized by the House of Representatives.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the St. Patrick's Day Parade  
10 Committee chairman, John P. Forbes, and the grand marshal of Savannah's 2008 St.  
11 Patrick's Day Parade, Dr. Francis P. Rossiter, Jr. M.D.