

House Resolution 444

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd, Carter of the 159th, Stephens of the 161st, Gordon of the 162nd, and Stephens of the 164th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,
2 General Chairman John P. Forbes, and the 2009 St. Patrick's Day Parade's grand marshal,
3 Father Patrick J. O'Brien, and inviting them to appear before the House of Representatives;
4 and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the 2009 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, will mark the 185th
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 83 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 Savannah historic district, and is always a joyous and meaningful
18 occasion for the citizens of 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 General Chairman John P. Forbes, and the 2009 St. Patrick's Day Parade's grand marshal,
22 Father Patrick J. O'Brien, for their tireless efforts and great work in organizing the 2009 St.

23 Patrick's Day Parade and for their many important contributions to their community and
24 state.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,
26 General Chairman John P. Forbes, and Grand Marshal Father Patrick J. O'Brien are invited
27 to appear before this body on a date and at a time designated by the Speaker of the House of
28 Representatives for the purpose of being recognized by the House of Representatives.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to General Chairman John P.
31 Forbes and Grand Marshal Father Patrick J. O'Brien.