

Senate Resolution 447

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,
2 Chairman John P. Forbes, and the Grand Marshal of the 2009 St. Patrick's Day Parade,
3 Father Patrick J. O'Brien on the upcoming occasion of the 2009 St. Patrick's Day Parade in
4 Savannah, Georgia; 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, it is due to the hard work and selfless dedication of the members of the St.
17 Patrick's Day Parade Committee that this event has become a popular celebration and that
18 Georgia can be proud to welcome visitors from all over the nation and the world to this
19 successful annual tradition; and

20 WHEREAS, among the largest Irish celebrations in the nation, the St. Patrick's Day Parade
21 is held in the lovely Savannah historic district and is always a joyous and meaningful
22 occasion for the citizens of Chatham County and the State of Georgia.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes and
24 commends the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Chairman John P.
25 Forbes, and the Grand Marshal of the 2009 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Father Patrick J. O'Brien
26 for their tireless efforts and great work in organizing the 2009 St. Patrick's Day Parade and
27 for their many important contributions to their community and state.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee
30 Chairman John P. Forbes and the Grand Marshal of Savannah's 2009 St. Patrick's Day
31 Parade, Father Patrick J. O'Brien.