

Senate Resolution 339

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal Walter Crawford on
2 the upcoming occasion of the 2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the 2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, will mark the 187th
5 occasion on which this festive event has been held in this beautiful historic city with proud
6 Irish roots; and

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

9 WHEREAS, many Irish organizations have contributed to the longevity and success of this
10 celebration, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, which was formed in 1926, has
11 carried on the tradition for the past 85 years; and

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

15 WHEREAS, it is due to the hard work and selfless dedication of the members of the St.
16 Patrick's Day Parade Committee that this event has become a popular celebration and that
17 Georgia can be proud to welcome visitors from all over the nation and the world to this
18 successful annual tradition; and

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes and
23 commends the Grand Marshal of the 2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Walter Crawford for his
24 tireless efforts and great work in organizing the 2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade and for his
25 many important contributions to his community and state.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand
28 Marshal Walter Crawford.