

## House Resolution 514

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>, Stephens of the 165<sup>th</sup>, Gordon of the 163<sup>rd</sup>, Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, and Watson of the 166<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,  
2 Chairman Brendan T. Sheehan and the Grand Marshal of the 2013 St. Patrick's Day Parade,  
3 James A. Ray on the upcoming occasion of the 2013 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah,  
4 Georgia and inviting them to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 WHEREAS, the 2013 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, will mark the 189<sup>th</sup>  
7 occasion on which this festive event has been held in this beautiful historic city with proud  
8 Irish roots; and

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

11 WHEREAS, many Irish organizations have contributed to the longevity and success of this  
12 celebration, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, which was formed in 1926, has  
13 carried on the tradition for the past 87 years; and

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

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

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
25 this body recognizes and commends the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,  
26 Chairman Brendan T. Sheehan and the Grand Marshal of the 2013 St. Patrick's Day Parade,  
27 James A. Ray for their tireless efforts and great work in organizing the 2013 St. Patrick's Day  
28 Parade and for their many important contributions to their community and state, and invite  
29 them to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the  
30 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the St. Patrick's Day Parade  
33 Committee Chairman Brendan T. Sheehan and the Grand Marshal of Savannah's 2013 St.  
34 Patrick's Day Parade, James A. Ray.