

House Resolution 1604

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Gordon of the 163rd, Hitchens of the 161st, Watson of the 166th, and Bryant of the 162nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,
2 Chairman Kevin Halligan and the Grand Marshal of the 2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade, David
3 Roberts on the upcoming occasion of the 2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia
4 and inviting them to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the 2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, will mark the 190th
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 88 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 this body recognizes and commends the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,
25 Chairman Kevin Halligan and the Grand Marshal of the 2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade, David
26 Roberts for their tireless efforts and great work in organizing the 2014 St. Patrick's Day
27 Parade and for their many important contributions to their community and state, and invite
28 them to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time designated by the
29 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the St. Patrick's Day Parade
32 Committee Chairman Kevin Halligan and the Grand Marshal of the 2014 St. Patrick's Day
33 Parade, David Roberts.