

House Resolution 1259

By: Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Gordon of the 163rd, Hitchens of the 161st, and Stephens of the 165th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,
2 Chairman Jerry Hogan, Jr., and the Grand Marshal of the 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade on
3 the upcoming occasion of the 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia; and for
4 other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, will mark the 192nd
6 occasion of this festive event in this beautiful and historic city with proud Irish roots; and

7 WHEREAS, this celebration was started in 1824 by the Hibernian Society of Savannah,
8 which was formed to aid early Irish immigrants in 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 90 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 because of 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 this body recognizes and commends the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,
24 Chairman Jerry Hogan, Jr., and the Grand Marshal of the 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade for
25 their great work in organizing the 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade and for their important
26 contributions to their community and state.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
29 members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Chairman Jerry Hogan, Jr., and the
30 Grand Marshal of the 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade.