

House Resolution 1421

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Gilliard of the 162nd, Gordon of the 163rd, Hitchens of the 161st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,
2 Chairman Brian Counihan, and Grand Marshal Michael Aloysius Kenny on their roles in the
3 2018 St Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia; and for other purposes.

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

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

9 WHEREAS, the 2018 St Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, will mark the 194th
10 occasion in which this festive event has been held in this beautiful and historic city with its
11 proud Irish roots; and

12 WHEREAS, many Irish organizations have contributed to the longevity and success of this
13 celebration; and the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, which was formed in 1926, has
14 carried on the tradition for the past 91 years; and

15 WHEREAS, according to a former prime minister of Ireland, "Ireland is where tales begin
16 and happy endings are possible," and the same holds true for the enchanting city of
17 Savannah; and

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

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that their efforts toward ensuring that this
22 wonderful event is a success each year be appropriately recognized.

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 Brian Counihan, and Grand Marshal Michael Aloysius Kenny for their tireless
26 efforts in organizing the 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade and for their many important
27 contributions to their community and state.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available to the St. Patrick's Day
30 Committee, Brian Counihan, and Michael Aloysius Kenny.