

House Resolution 517

By: Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd, Seabaugh of the 34th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,
2 Chairman Timothy P. Mahoney, and the Grand Marshal of the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade,
3 James G. (Jay) Burke III, on the upcoming occasion of the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade in
4 Savannah, Georgia; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, will mark the 201st
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 98 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 Timothy P. Mahoney, and the Grand Marshal of the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade,
26 James G. (Jay) Burke III, for their tireless efforts and great work in organizing the 2025 St.
27 Patrick's Day Parade and for their many important contributions to their community and
28 state.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the St.
31 Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Chairman Timothy P. Mahoney, and the Grand Marshal
32 of the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade, James G. (Jay) Burke III.