

Senate Resolution 323

By: Senator Watson of the 1st

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the members of the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,
2 General Chairman Lawrence E. Edgerly, and the Grand Marshal of the 2019 St. Patrick's Day
3 Parade, Gerald Patrick Counihan, Sr., on the upcoming occasion of the 2019 St. Patrick's Day
4 Parade in Savannah, Georgia; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, will mark the 195th
6 occasion on which this festive event has been held in this beautiful and historic city with
7 proud 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 93 years; and

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

16 WHEREAS, it is due to the selfless dedication of the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade
17 Committee that this event has become a popular celebration and that Georgia can be proud
18 to welcome visitors from all over the nation and the world to this successful annual tradition;
19 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 SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize and commend the members of the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,
25 General Chairman Lawrence E. Edgerly, and the Grand Marshal of the 2019 St. Patrick's Day
26 Parade, Gerald Patrick Counihan, Sr., for their tireless efforts and great work in organizing
27 the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade and for their many important contributions to their
28 community and state.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the 2019 St.
31 Patrick's Day Committee, General Chairman Lawrence E. Edgerly, and the Grand Marshal
32 of the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Gerald Patrick Counihan, Sr.