

House Resolution 443

By: Representative Stephens of the 164<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee,  
2 Chairman Ashley M. Norris, and the Grand Marshal of the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade,  
3 George F. Schwarz III, on the upcoming occasion of the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade in  
4 Savannah, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Georgia, will mark the 200th  
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 92 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 Ashley M. Norris, and the Grand Marshal of the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade,  
26 George F. Schwarz III, for their tireless efforts and great work in organizing the 2023 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 Ashley M. Norris, and the Grand Marshal of the  
32 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade, George F. Schwarz III.