

## Senate Resolution 979

By: Senators Watson of the 1st, Jackson of the 2nd, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Dugan of the 30th, Kennedy of the 18th 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 SENATE that this body recognizes and  
24 commends the members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Chairman Brian  
25 Counihan, and Grand Marshal Michael Aloysius Kenny for their tireless efforts in organizing  
26 the 2018 St. Patrick's Day Parade and for their many important contributions to their  
27 community and state.

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