

House Resolution 987

By: Representatives Coleman of the 118th, Parrish of the 102nd, Wix of the 33rd, Post 1, Morris of the 120th, Purcell of the 122nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Lord Laird of Artigarvan and inviting him to appear before the House of
2 Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a native of Northern Ireland, Lord Laird of Artigarvan has been a life peer of
4 Her Majesty's Government since 1998 and is an extremely active member of the House of
5 Lords where he sits as a crossbencher, holding the record for the most tabled questions; and

6 WHEREAS, educated at Royal Belfast Academical Institution, he was the youngest Unionist
7 member of Parliament elected for his St. Anne's seat in the House of Commons; and

8 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has been chairman of the Ulster-Scots Agency, an
9 all Ireland government funded agency responsible for the development of the Ulster-Scots
10 language and culture since 1999; and

11 WHEREAS, Lord Laird, known professionally as the chairman of his own business, John
12 Laird Public Relations, works as a senior public affairs consultant and also serves as a
13 visiting professor of public relations at the University of Ulster and is a Fellow of the
14 Institute of Public Relations; and

15 WHEREAS, Lord Laird is well known as the creator of a range of transport videos about
16 trolleybuses and railways in the 1960's, is a tireless advocate of the Ulster-Scots language
17 and culture, and serves on the board of the Ulster Orchestra and Board of Governors of
18 RBAI; and

19 WHEREAS, he is visiting Georgia in an effort to establish ties between this state and
20 Northern Ireland in the areas of education, economic development, cultural aspects of
21 community, and friendship.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body commend Lord Laird for his many years of dedicated public
3 service and invite him to appear before this body at a time to be determined by the Speaker
4 of the House to convey to him their utmost admiration, respect, and appreciation for his
5 noble service to mankind.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Lord Laird of
8 Artigarvan.