

Senate Resolution 632

By: Senators Squires of the 5th and Harp of the 16th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Lord Laird of Artigarvan and designating May as Scots-Irish Month in  
2 Georgia; 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 SENATE that the members of this body  
2 commend Lord Laird for his many years of dedicated public service and convey to him their  
3 utmost admiration, respect, and appreciation for his noble service to mankind.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the month of May is designated Scots-Irish Month in  
5 Georgia.

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