

House Resolution 947

By: Representative Greene of the 149<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending the Laird and Galloway families; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the Laird and Galloway families have demonstrated great selflessness,  
3 generosity, and hospitality, serving as fine examples of Americans and Georgians to a  
4 foreign visitor; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the Griffin Spalding School System, through the nonprofit organization Global  
6 Achievers, Inc., participated in an exchange program which brought an experienced foreign  
7 professional to Griffin, Georgia, to work with students and government; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Miss Su Wei from Lanzhou, China, was set to arrive in Georgia in November  
9 of 2008, but the school system needed a family to serve as her hosts, providing a place to stay  
10 and fellowship during her visit; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Dean and Bette Laird answered the call for help without hesitation, providing  
12 a basement apartment to Miss Wei upon her arrival; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the Laird's daughter, Jennifer Galloway, and her husband also volunteered their  
14 time and efforts to making Miss Wei's American experience one that left a lasting  
15 impression; and
- 16 WHEREAS, between the two families' neighboring properties and the Galloway's own  
17 travels to China, the families provided Miss Wei a place of comfort and togetherness during  
18 her stay in Georgia; and
- 19 WHEREAS, during miss Wei's six-month stay with the Galloways, she was included in  
20 family holidays, picnics, and many other activities which gave her a glimpse into the  
21 American culture and way of life; and

22 WHEREAS, thanks to the Laird and Galloway families, Miss Wei has been embraced into  
23 an American family and has seen first-hand the importance religion and family play in the  
24 American lifestyle and culture; and

25 WHEREAS, during Miss Wei's time in Georgia, she touched the lives of over 8,500 children,  
26 and interacted with government, civic, and private businesses in the area, expanding the  
27 cultural horizons of all she encountered; and

28 WHEREAS, the Laird and Galloway families' hospitality and caring for Miss Wei allowed  
29 her trip to be one of happiness and inclusion which she will share with those in her home  
30 country upon her return, furthering the reputation of Georgia and the United States as  
31 generous and kind.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body commend the Laird and Galloway families for their benevolent acts  
34 and extend their most sincere gratitude for the hospitality they provided to a visitor.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Laird and Galloway  
37 families.