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RE: PLCC Pays Tribute to Richard Baird

The members of the Permanent Local Content Committee (PLCC) for the Energy Sector wish to convey to Richard Baird's family, close friends and loved ones the deep sorrow we all feel at the tragic events leading to the loss of our brother and friend – a true patriot.

Through his representation of the Credit Union Movement's perspective, as a member of the PLCC since its inception in 2004, Richard brought the important input of the small financial sector. Last Wednesday he spent several hours with us. Like a family, we worked on a plan to strengthen and enrich our country, in these difficult times, with Richard taking the lead on one of three initiatives; one that he championed. As is his custom, Richard was thoughtful, patient, good humoured and accommodating. We had a very productive session. He left the meeting with his trademark smile. That is the enduring image we will have of Richard Baird.

As much as his passing has left a hole in our lives and work, we know it cannot compare to the pain and suffering of his family. May the Almighty grant them strength to bear this unimaginable burden and comfort them in knowing that his life of service is recognised and appreciated by those he has touched.

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