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The Science Coalition Praises Chairman Gordon for his Decades of Service and Commitment to Enhancing America's Leadership in Science and Innovation

December 14, 2009 – Upon announcement today that Rep. Bart Gordon (D-TN), Chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee, will not seek reelection to a 14th term in Congress, The Science Coalition issued the following statement:

No one has done as much as Chairman Gordon to advance science and innovation. He has worked tirelessly and in a bipartisan manner to champion causes integral to America's competitiveness, including improving math and science education, bolstering funding for scientific research and development, and, through ARPA-E, helping to move new ways to fund a critical area of energy research from discussion to reality.

"Chairman Gordon has done a tremendous amount to enhance America's leadership in science and innovation," said Science Coalition President Bill Andresen of the University of Pennsylvania. "His legacy on America's competitiveness will be lasting."

The Science Coalition congratulates Chairman Gordon on his impending retirement and stands ready to work with him and his committee next year to help achieve reauthorization of NASA and the America COMPETES Act.

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The Science Coalition is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization representing 45 of the nation's leading public and private research universities. It is dedicated to sustaining the federal government's investment in basic research as a means to stimulate the economy, drive innovation and secure America's global competitiveness.

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