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Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary, Installs New Board of Directors, Honors US Congressman Chris Van Hollen and Others at Annual Dinner

ROCKVILLE, MD – The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) celebrates its 50th Anniversary at its Annual Dinner on Thursday, June 4, 2009. Each year at this time, the Chamber installs new leadership to its Board of Directors and honors awardees that support its mission.

Without a moment to look back, the theme of the 50th Annual Dinner is “A View from Here.” Through its leadership, advocacy and membership, MCCC casts a long view on the County and imagines a future of promise and innovation.

William Eisig, Partner & Office Business Line Leader, BDO Seidman, LLP will be installed as the Chairman of the Board and **Dr. James Whang**, Founder and Former CEO of AEPLOG will be thanked for his past year of service as Chairman. The Chamber will confer three awards this year:

The Chamber’s **Legislator of the Year Award** is presented to a “legislator who exemplifies strength of character, conviction, and devotion to public service.” The 2009 Legislator of the Year Award will be presented to **Congressman Chris Van Hollen** by **Sterling Crockett**, Chairman and CEO of **Sterling Construction Services, Inc.**, the award sponsor. “Congressman Van Hollen has demonstrated remarkable leadership at the federal, state and local levels, and has been attentive and responsive to MCCC’s strategic mission,” said **Georgette “Gigi” Godwin**, MCCC President and CEO. “As an advocate for strong and well funded infrastructure improvements, he has significantly contributed to the economic development and quality of life we enjoy in Montgomery County.”

The Chamber will inaugurate the Visionary Award sponsored by **HSBC Bank USA** and presented by **Aimee Daniels**, Executive Vice President and Regional President Mid-Atlantic of HSBC Bank, to an individual with the “creativity and perseverance to innovate, who embodies a generosity of spirit and has the passion to envision a place in which future generations can flourish and prosper in Montgomery County, Maryland.” Its first recipient will be announced during the program.

In his final duty as Chairman of the Board, Dr. Whang will announce the Chairman’s Award.

Nearly 800 guests comprised of corporate leaders and elected officials will help celebrate this special occasion. A reception starts at 6:00 p.m. followed by the dinner and awards program from 7:00–9:00 p.m. The event is held at Bethesda North Marriott, 5701 Marinelli Rd, in Bethesda, MD.

About the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC):

The MCCC serves its 500+ business members by providing opportunities to connect with one another and by advocating for an improved Maryland business climate. The new Chairman of the Board is William Eisig, Partner & Office Business Line Leader, BDO Seidman, LLP. For more information about the Chamber, visit www.mcccmd.com.

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