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Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Statement On The Untimely Passing of Verl Zanders

ROCKVILLE, MD – The Board of Directors and membership of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce express our deep sorrow at the sudden death of Verl Zanders last night as a result of a heart attack. The Chamber sends condolences to his wife Brenda, his father, his children and grandchildren, and to his many friends. Zanders was 61 years old.

“Verl Zanders had a smile and a personality that lit up a room as soon as he walked in the door,” said Georgette “Gigi” Godwin, Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO. “He is a shining example of what is possible here in Montgomery County.”

“Verl Zanders was a real leader in our community, acting as a mentor to many small business owners and supporting education through his work with the Montgomery College Foundation and The Universities at Shady Grove,” said Dr. James S. Whang, Chairman of the Chamber’s Board of Directors and Chairman and CEO of AEPLOG.

“His dedicated service on the Chamber’s Board of Directors and on the Chamber’s professional staff had a tremendous impact on Montgomery County’s vibrant business climate,” said Edward Hall Asher, Immediate Past Chair of the Chamber’s Board of Directors and President and COO of The Chevy Chase Land Company.

Zanders served on the Chamber’s Board of Directors for two years as Founder and Vice-Chair of the Chamber’s Small Business Committee. He also served as the Chamber’s Director of Business Development in 2007-2008 before retiring. Z-Tech, a company Zanders founded and eventually sold, was named the Chamber’s 2006 Emerging Business of the Year.

About the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce serves its business membership by providing members with the opportunity to connect with one another and by advocating for an improved local and Maryland-wide business climate through effective legislative and political action.

The Chamber has more than 600 business members, ranging from Fortune 500 multinationals to sole proprietorships. The current Chairman of the Board is Dr. James S. Whang, Chairman and President of AEPLOG. For more formation about the Chamber, visit <http://www.montgomerycountycommerce.com>.