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**Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Honors John J. Delaney, Delegate  
Brian Feldman at June 5 Annual Dinner**

Rockville, MD – The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) today announced the winners of the Chamber’s most prestigious individual awards. John J. Delaney, a Linowes & Blocher Founding Partner will receive the Jim Tavel Award, the Chamber’s highest individual award. Delegate Brian Feldman will receive the Legislator of the Year Award. The Chamber will honor both recipients at the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner on June 5, 2008.

**Jim Tavel Award**

“We are pleased to honor John Delaney as one individual who has built Montgomery County into a world-class place to live and to do business,” said Edward Hall Asher, Chairman of the MCCC Board of Directors and President and COO of the Chevy Chase Land Company. “John has been an advocate for education and a leader in legal scholarship and practice.”

The Jim Tavel Award is presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to Montgomery County through long-term and devoted service to the business community. James Wilson Tavel, a devoted public servant, was an MCCC Chairman of the Board in 1984-85 and an effective leader for the business community. Linowes and Blocher will sponsor the 2008 Jim Tavel Award.

**Legislator of the Year**

“Delegate Brian Feldman is a consistently strong advocate for business and represents the highest ideals of character, conviction and public service, which is why we are proud to name him Legislator of the Year,” said Georgette “Gigi” Godwin, Chamber President and CEO. “His expertise and advocacy on issues of importance to the biotech and finance sectors have resulted in the growth of two of the most vibrant parts of Montgomery County’s economy. His leadership and vision will help Montgomery County continue to develop a world-class knowledge economy.”

The Chamber’s Legislator of the Year Award is presented to a local or state legislator who is a strong advocate for Montgomery County business, is a leader among peers and who exemplifies integrity and devotion to public service.

These awards will be presented as we celebrate “The Thrill of Commerce: MCCC’s Olympic Year” on June 5, 2008 at the Bethesda North Marriott. The Chairman’s Award will be revealed during the evening’s celebration. Dr. James Whang of AEPLOG will be installed as the Chairman of the Board and Edward Hall Asher of the Chevy Chase Land Company will be thanked for his year of service as Chairman.

**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 Edward Hall Asher, President and COO of the Chevy Chase Land Company. For more information about the Chamber, visit <http://www.montgomerycountychamber.com>.