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**LT. GOVERNOR ANTHONY BROWN TO BE HONORED
FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING EFFORTS**

**~Lt. Governor Anthony Brown to Receive the
“Robert C. Weaver Housing Champion Award”~**



When: Monday, May 9, 2011, 12:45 p.m.

**Where: 20th Annual Affordable Housing Conference, Bethesda North
Marriott Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Rd.,
North Bethesda**

The Robert C. Weaver Housing Champion Award honors those individuals who have had a significant impact on affordable housing. On Monday, May 9, 2011, Lt. Governor Anthony Brown will become the recipient of the esteemed “Robert C. Weaver Housing Champion Award.” The Award, sponsored by the Affordable Housing Conference of Montgomery, Maryland, is named in honor of Dr. Robert C. Weaver, the first Secretary of HUD and the first African-American to hold a Presidential Administration Cabinet position.

“I cannot think of a better recipient for the Robert C. Weaver Housing Champion Award than our own Lt. Governor Anthony Brown. He continues to demonstrate his unwavering support for and commitment to affordable housing and related issues through his work as Chair of the Governor's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Subcabinet. It is an

honor to present him with this esteemed and very well deserved award. He has demonstrated his strong commitment to ensuring that all residents and specifically those in Maryland have decent, safe and affordable housing," said County Executive Ike Leggett, last year's Weaver Housing Champion Award Recipient.

The award presentation will take place during the luncheon at the 20th Annual Affordable Housing Conference Summit on Monday, May 9, 2011 at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda.

"This revered award is presented to individuals who demonstrate outstanding and selfless work in making housing affordable to all Americans. We believe that housing is an inalienable right and not a privilege. The Honorable Robert C. Weaver devoted his life to this cause. And, Lt. Governor Anthony Brown exemplifies such tireless commitment. We are proud, indeed, to be in a position to recognize the Lt. Governor in such a meaningful way," said Barbara Goldberg Goldman, Co-Chair of the Affordable Housing Conference of Montgomery County.

When told about this Award, Lt. Governor Brown said, *"I am honored to receive this award recognizing the tireless efforts of the entire BRAC Subcabinet team to increase the availability of affordable housing in Montgomery County and throughout our State. Governor O'Malley and I remain committed to supporting measures that will help make housing more affordable for all Marylanders."*

Governor Martin O'Malley, will be the Keynote Speaker at the Luncheon Award Ceremony. County Executive Ike Leggett, last year's Weaver Award recipient, will make the award presentation to Lt. Governor Brown at approximately 1:15 p.m. Congressman Chris Van Hollen and former Senator Paul Sarbanes also will address the group during the luncheon.

The morning keynote speaker will be Eugene Robinson, Pulitzer Prize winning author and Washington Post journalist.

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