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## O'Malley Officially Announces Brown as Running Mate *O'Malley Praises Delegate's Record of Leadership, Service*

**MITCHELLVILLE, MD (December 12, 2005)** – This morning, Martin O'Malley formally announced Delegate Anthony Brown as his selection to run for Lieutenant Governor. The pair made their first official appearance in Prince George's County, a key battleground in the election. A crowd of energetic supporters filled the Newton White Mansion to hear their announcement.

"When I was considering this choice, I had three criteria: A person who is ready to assume the responsibilities of Governor, if needed; someone who shares my values and vision for our state; and someone with whom I could work closely as a partner to move our state forward," O'Malley said. "Anthony Brown is a tested leader – as Majority Whip and in the U.S. Army. We share the same dreams for the people of our state. And among many great public servants, he was the clear choice."

According to Brown, "I'm proud to join with Martin in a partnership dedicated to providing better opportunities for all Maryland families."

The program began with a prayer from Rev. Kerry Hill, pastor at New Chapel Baptist Church, and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Shayla Rhinehart, an honor student at Kettering Middle School. Next, Delegate Michael Vaughn (24<sup>th</sup> Legislative District) acknowledged the elected officials at the event.

O'Malley was introduced by former Maryland Governor Harry Hughes, who headed O'Malley's search committee for a running mate. After O'Malley introduced Brown to cheers, the Delegate addressed the crowd. The two candidates were joined on stage by their families, and then shook hands and talked with their supporters.

Later today, O'Malley and Brown will then travel to Frederick for lunch at Democratic Party Headquarters with Frederick residents, and then proceed to Hagerstown to speak to union members and other supporters.

The day will conclude in Baltimore, as O'Malley and Brown host a 5:30 p.m. holiday fundraising reception at the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

Anthony Brown is currently Majority Whip of the House of Delegates and represents District 25 in Prince George's County. Previously an aviation officer in the U.S. Army, Brown recently finished a tour of duty in Iraq as a Lieutenant Colonel. Brown has been a statewide leader on higher education affordability and public safety. A graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Law School, Brown is married to Patty Arzuaga, and they have two children, Rebecca and Jonathan.

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