

U.S. Congressman Gresham Barrett Speaks At Dennis Corporation's Second Annual Meeting

Columbia, SC- United States Congressman Gresham Barrett addressed the attendees of Dennis Corporation's Second Annual Meeting on August 30, 2007. Congressman Barrett attended the event to honor the evening's keynote speaker, Lt. Col. Jim Lechner, United States Army. During the event, Congressman Barrett presented Lt. Col. Lechner with a United States flag in honor of his service to our country.

Lt. Col. Lechner is a decorated Army Ranger having received the Bronze Star (3rd Award), the Purple Heart, the Joint Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal, the Ranger Tab and the Combat Infantryman's Badge (2nd Award).

He has served in Iraq, Korea, Bosnia, Egypt and Somalia. In 1993, during the Battle of Mogadishu in Somalia, a battle made famous in the movie, "Black Hawk Down," Lt. Col. Lechner was wounded and almost lost his right leg. He received the Purple Heart for his actions in that battle.

Congressman Barrett represents South Carolina's 3rd Congressional district and serves on the Budget Committee, the House Committee on Financial Services, the House Committee on International Relations and Ethics Committee. After graduating from The Citadel in 1983, Barrett achieved the rank of Captain and served in the U.S. Army Field Artillery until 1987. In addition, during his first term in Congress, Barrett traveled to Iraq where he met with high ranking military officials on the ground - as well as soldiers from South Carolina who were serving in Kuwait, Baghdad and Mosul.

After the flag presentation ceremony Lt. Col. Lechner stated it was "inspiring to me to know about the patriotism, prayers and support that people here in Columbia have for the U.S. troops. It is a great honor and a pleasure for me."

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