J. DENNIS HASTERT

Speaker of the House

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Dr. Von L. Burton 1729 Redding Rd NW Huntsville, AL 35816

Dear Dr. Burton,

On behalf of the Republican Leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives, I am honored to inform you that your name was placed in nomination – and you were accepted – for membership in the House Majority Trust to serve as an Honorary Chairman from the State of Alabama.

As one of your first acts of membership I hope you can be here in our Nation's Capital on June 19th and 20th to attend our Annual Board Meeting and to join President and Mrs. Bush, Republican Members of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, many more of our Party's most notable leaders, and me at the premiere Republican event of the year – The 2006 President's Dinner.

The President's Dinner serves as the foremost Republican event for raising the necessary funds to support our candidates and help ensure our Party maintains control of both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. No other event focuses so exclusively on this goal.

In addition to this year's dinner, you and other Honorary Chairmen will join our special invited guest, Senator John McCain, for lunch on Tuesday. Immediately following lunch we will host a special Town Hall meeting featuring Members of Congress. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and express your opinion on a wide range of issues.

Dr. Burton, I cannot underscore how crucial it is for all of us to stand united in the coming months. We must maintain our Republican House Majority beyond 2006 and keep America on a steady course and a continued path to greatness.

I am holding two tickets to this event in your name, and I urge you to join us. You will receive your formal invitation in the next couple of weeks. But because Dinner seating is limited please call my assistant at 1-866-584-7737 and give him your personal ID #, 508543729, to reserve your place of honor at The 2006 President's Dinner. Thank you.

Sincerely.

J. Dennis Hastert Speaker of the House

P.S. In honor of your support and dedication, we have commissioned a distinctive 2006 Honorary Dinner Chairman lapel pin to be worn by you at the Dinner. In addition, all Honorary Chairmen who contribute at least \$150 will receive a limited-edition Presidential Photo and accompanying note from President Bush. So please let me hear from you today. Thank you.

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