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## **JOHN MARSHALL BANK HOSTS LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION**

*Breakfast draws sizeable crowd from Loudoun business community*

[Leesburg, VA] [March 15, 2013] – Bank officers from the Loudoun Region of John Marshall Bank, one of the fastest-growing community banks in the Washington metro area, hosted their fifth annual legislative breakfast today at Tuscarora Mill Restaurant. Delegates Tag Greason, R-Potomac Falls and Joe May, R-Leesburg, along with state Senator Mark Herring, D-Leesburg, enlightened local politicians and nearly 60 business leaders with their take on the 2013 General Assembly session.

Of the hundreds of bills considered by the legislature, the three Loudoun County elected officials narrowed the discussion primarily to transportation. All three praised the bi-partisan effort to pass funding for the critical transportation needs of the Commonwealth.

John Marshall Bank's Senior Vice President, Jim Bowman, emceed the morning's event and introduced Paul Bice, Regional President for Loudoun County. After a brief welcoming, Bice turned the podium back over to Bowman who introduced the elected officials as each was invited to make a brief overview of the session.

In his remarks, Delegate May covered transportation, but was especially proud of his bill to protect consumers and businesses from unauthorized use of tracking devices and from other technological infringement into individual or business proprietary information. "As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, any person who uses electronic tracking devices without consent to track the location of another will now face a Class 3 misdemeanor," said May. "Under HB 807, if someone uses an electronic tracking device through intentionally deceptive means and without consent to track the location of another person, he will now face criminal charges. We need to ensure technology remains a servant and not our master," added May.

Delegate Tag Greason gave a candid insight to his deliberative thought process pertaining to the transportation bill. He recognizes he is unpopular with some in his own party for backing a bill that raises taxes, but he stressed the need to get something done now. "I stand behind my vote. I have no regrets. If you had asked me six months ago if I thought we would pass a meaningful transportation package in 2013, I would have said no. There are those on the Republicans side who never want to raise taxes. There are those on the Democrat side who never want the general fund money to go to transportation for fear it will hurt schools. In the end, both parties worked together to make this sound investment in the Commonwealth," said Greason.

Senator Herring started by thanking John Marshall Bank for its commitment to the community and congratulated the bank for its continued and impressive success, but then quickly addressed his thoughts on the transportation bill that passed. “When I was first elected, I researched all the choke points in Loudoun County that badly needed funding. While I am not happy with some of the transportation bill, I voted for it because we now have funds that can now be applied locations throughout Virginia that need attention.”

The series of legislative breakfasts was started by Regional President Paul Bice in 2008 to bring the business community and elected officials together to learn about and discuss issues before the General Assembly that directly affect businesses throughout Loudoun County.

John Marshall Bank first opened to the public under that name in May 2008. During the five years since, the bank has grown significantly and has been recognized in the General Assembly as the fastest-growing bank in Virginia. John Marshall Bank was awarded Five-Star recognition by BauerFinancial; this distinction is only given to the strongest financial institutions in the nation.

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John Marshall Bank Chairman & CEO, John Maxwell, left, with Paul Bice, Del. Tag Greason, Del. Joe May, Sen. Mark Herring and Jim Bowman