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## MR. JAMES C. COURI APPOINTED TO PRESIDENTIAL BUSINESS COMMISSION

tion, D.C. -- Congressman Tom DeLay of Texas announced today that Mr. James Couri of New York has been selected to serve the State of New York on the new Presidential Business Commission.

PRESIDENTIAL BUSINESS COMMISSION (PBC) is an elite group of leading business and professional people and political strategists who will be advising the President's leadership on how to protect the President's Majority in the House in the 2002 elections. Mr. Couri was selected based on outstanding contributions as an Executive Chairman of the Party's Business Advisory Council, a position Mr. Couri still holds. In the Presidential Business Commission, Mr. Couri is expected to play a key role as the Party craft their strategy in the important closing weeks of the campaign.

Following Mr. Couri's selection, Congressman DeLay said, "The 2002 election will be critical in determining the course of our nation, particularly in terms of tax relief and national defense. I am thrilled to have Mr. Couri's expertise and input as a resource in the weeks ahead." Mr. Couri will also be invited to attend high level meetings in Washington, D.C. and is expected to receive a special thank you picture of the President.

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