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Lexington County Hosts Legislative, Business, Education and Civic Leaders

Lexington County held its first annual Legislative Night hosting the South Carolina General Assembly on Wednesday, February 2nd. The event was sponsored by various local businesses-- including platinum sponsors Lexington Medical Center, Michelin, SCANA and Time Warner Cable. Held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, the "Night" was designed to showcase the spectrum of opportunity available in Lexington County to lawmakers, who may not be aware of the wide array of resources the county provides and the successes it enjoys!



A multitude of buffet stations by Dupre Catering & Events and an open bar accented the ballroom for the evening. Roof Basket Works in Lexington donated a mixture of baskets to be used as centerpieces, which were filled with an assortment of vegetables provided by Walter P. Rawl & Sons, Inc.

A list of exhibitors ranging from US Foodservice to the Columbia Metropolitan Airport, provided guests with both information about their company and unique gifts. The overwhelming participation from Lexington County businesses helped to make this night a great success.



"We value the relationships we enjoy between the General Assembly, the Lexington County delegation and the business community. County Council wanted to take this opportunity to say 'Thank You' to these groups that assist in fostering a positive economic development climate in Lexington County," said Bill Banning, Chairman of the Economic Development committee.

The Legislative Night was well attended by many VIPS and officials from across South Carolina and the Midlands area. Some in attendance included: Lieutenant Governor Ken Ard, Attorney General Alan Wilson, State Treasurer Curtis Loftis, Speaker of the House Bobby Harrell, State Senators Nikki Setzler, Hugh Leatherman and Jake Knotts, Lexington County Representatives Mac Toole and Kenny Bingham, Lexington County Sheriff James Metts, Lexington County School Superintendents, Lexington Medical Center President Mike Biediger, Mayor's Randy Halfacre and Steve Benjamin, Chamber of Commerce representatives and Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, just to name a few.



Other event sponsors included: Blanchard, Prysmian, Agape Senior, Akebono, Allied Air Enterprises, Carolina First, Columbia Metropolitan Airport, Lexington County Development Corporation, Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc., Walter P. Rawl & Sons, Inc., McCrory and US Foodservice.

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