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**WATSON RICE LLP MANAGING PARTNER
APPOINTED TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE
BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 17, 2002 ... Raymond P. Jones, Managing Partner of Watson Rice LLP, has been appointed to serve as a member the National Republican Congressional Committee Business Advisory Council.

Mr. Jones will “serve the State of New York and play a crucial role in the party’s efforts to involve top business people in the process of government reform” according to members of the Committee, who added: “We are pleased that Mr. Jones has decided to accept the appointment. He will actively participate in Council programs especially as they relate to debt reduction and tax reform.”

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