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Sen. Lambert will not seek re-election in 2012

Will be remembered as first Republican to win Nashua seat in 94 years

CONCORD – Saying he will not seek re-election in 2012, but still remains very enthusiastic about serving his Nashua constituents over the coming year, Sen. Gary Lambert announced today that his first term in Concord will be his last, at least for now. He won District 13 which includes Gate City Wards 3,4,6,7 and 8 in 2010 -- the first Republican to do so in 94 years.

In explaining his decision, Lambert said, "I truly love my job as a state Senator and, after one year, still feel a tremendous sense of honor, awe and excitement every time I step onto the Senate floor. Being able to serve the people of Nashua has been a real privilege for me and I believe I've been able to accomplish things for them which makes stepping aside all the more difficult."

Lambert said the fact that he is returning to active duty status as a colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve played a major role in his decision. This comes after he recently prevailed in a lawsuit where a judge found that the Department of the Navy and the Marine Corps violated federal law by involuntarily retiring Lambert and 98 other colonels from the Marine Corps Reserve in October 2009.

"My 33 years in the Corps, and now my term as a state Senator, have only strengthened my belief in public service," Lambert said. "I would encourage good candidates to come forward to run for my open seat and hope that whoever wins enjoys serving the people of District 13 as much as I have."

For the 2011- 2012 legislative session, Sen. Lambert is a member of the Health and Human Services, Energy & Natural Resources and Internal Affairs Committees of which he is Vice-Chair. Some of his legislative accomplishments include: helping to pass a balanced budget that included an 11% reduction in spending along with no new taxes or fees and spurring job growth by voting for business tax reforms that benefit border communities like Nashua. For the current session, Lambert says he plans to concentrate on keeping the state budget balanced, passing a constitutional amendment regarding education funding and making child care assistance available for individuals pursuing a bachelor's degree.

Away from Concord, Lambert is the senior partner at *Lambert & Associates*, a law firm he founded in 1989 specializing in patent and trademark law. Prior to private practice, he served as a military attorney on active duty. Lambert was awarded the Bronze Star Medal in 2005 for his service in Iraq. He was also mobilized during Operations Desert Shield/Storm, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. From June 2004 to January 2005, he served as Deputy Legal Counsel and Acting Chief Legal Counsel to the Commanding General of the Multi-National Force - Iraq in Baghdad.

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