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CHAMBER ANNOUNCES THE OUTSTANDING SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT

The Chamber of Commerce for Decatur & Macon County held a news conference on May 8 at Flora Gems to announce Flora Gems as the Outstanding Small Business of the Year.

Flora Gems, a high quality jeweler celebrating 150 years in 2006, was founded in 1856 and currently has 9 employees. Owners John and Lisa Flora donate countless hours and have raised thousands of dollars for community events including the American Heart Association, Mt. Zion Foundation and Junior Welfare Association.

“We are so pleased that our Small Business Council selected Flora Gems as the Outstanding Small Business of the Year,” said Randy Prince, President of The Chamber of Commerce for Decatur & Macon County. “John and Lisa Flora have shown their commitment to Decatur and the surrounding community time and time again with their support of community events and non-profits.”

The Outstanding Small Business of the Year Award was presented in conjunction with the Chamber Annual Meeting on May 11, 2006 at the Decatur Club. Recent past Outstanding Small Business winners include Skeff Distributing, Jones and Thomas, Peerless Cleaners and Homer L. Chastain & Associates.

Media is invited to attend. For more information, please contact Lori Sturgill at the Chamber office at 422-2200.

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