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## **Speaker Howell Praises Wal-Mart Decision**

-- Wal-Mart Decides to Preserve its Property at Wilderness Battlefield in Orange County --  
-- Civil War Trust thanks Speaker Howell for Support of Battlefield Preservation --

**RICHMOND, VA** – Virginia House of Delegates Speaker William J. Howell (R-Stafford) today issued the following statement praising Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. for its decision to not develop but instead preserve its property at the Wilderness Battlefield in Orange County, Virginia for future generations. The Civil War Trust also thanked Speaker Howell for his support of battlefield preservation.

"Wal-Mart deserves high praise for its wise decision today that balances preservation and economic growth," said Speaker Howell. "Every American benefits when hallowed ground such as that at the Wilderness Battlefield is preserved rather than developed. I am extremely pleased that a good corporate citizen has worked with land preservation organizations to reach a result that could not be more timely as Virginia and our entire nation prepares to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War. I thank everyone involved for their hard work to protect this historically vital land."

O. James Lighthizer, President of the Civil War Trust, thanked Speaker Howell for his long-time support of battlefield preservation and, in particular, his advocacy for the protection of the Wilderness Battlefield.

"No one has been a bigger advocate of battlefield preservation in the Old Dominion than Speaker Howell, and we earnestly appreciate his support for our efforts," said Lighthizer.

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