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Statement by House Speaker William J. Howell

-- On Decision by Delegate Harvey Morgan not to seek Re-Election --

RICHMOND, VA – Virginia House of Delegates Speaker William J. Howell (R-Stafford) today issued the following statement after news that Delegate Harvey B. Morgan (R-Gloucester) will not seek re-election for a 17th term in November 2011:

“Harvey Morgan has been a remarkable legislator, a passionate advocate for good public policy and those he represents as well as a dignified presence in the Virginia House of Delegates for over 30 years. He has earned not only the respect and admiration of his colleagues, constituents and many friends for his many accomplishments but also our sincere gratitude for exemplifying what it means to be a good citizen.

“As an engaged legislator and public servant, Harvey earned a well deserved reputation as a champion for health care, environmental and education issues among many others. As a committee chairman, he always welcomed and encouraged dialogue, did his homework, listened carefully to debate and asked insightful questions – good habits all designed to produce legislation that was as fair and beneficial as possible to those directly impacted and all Virginians. He also possesses a generosity of spirit and willingness to help others, no matter their seniority, that’s afforded opportunities for other delegates to learn and grow into effective lawmakers like him.

“For so many of us, however, what’s perhaps most noteworthy about Harvey’s distinguished service in the General Assembly is his honorable behavior. His quiet demeanor and grace under even the most trying of circumstances certainly will be missed. Yet, these positive characteristics offer an abiding lesson upon the paramount importance of character and civility in public life.

“I join everyone in congratulating Harvey Morgan for his more than 30 years of public service in the Virginia House of Delegates. I also wish him and his wife, Mary Helen, ‘fair winds and following seas’ as they chart new horizons in their life beyond the General Assembly.”

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