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Statement of Speaker William J. Howell Regarding Results of the 2011 General Election

RICHMOND, VA – Virginia House of Delegates Speaker William J. Howell (R-Stafford) issued this morning the following statement in response to the results of the 2011 General Assembly elections:

“I am pleased that for the seventh General Election in a row, Virginians have selected the House Republican Caucus to lead the House of Delegates. My colleagues and I are deeply honored to once again have the opportunity to lead through our service in the oldest continuously elected law-making body in the New World. We will continue to fight for the policies that make Virginia the best state in the country to do business and raise a family,” said Howell.

“These are difficult and uncertain times, and a truly strong majority is one that can weather the bad times as well as the good. In spite of the difficulties facing the Commonwealth, our Caucus has grown its majority to 68 seats in the House of Delegates – the largest Republican majority ever in the House – and a heartening indication that the Commonwealth approves of the work we are doing for them here in Richmond.”

“House Republicans have a strong record on the issues important to the Commonwealth and have worked alongside Governor Bob McDonnell to create jobs, attract business, keep taxes low and transportation moving. During the upcoming 2012 General Assembly Session, we once again look forward to working with Governor McDonnell and a working Senate Republican majority as we continue our work on economic development, government reform, transportation and all issues important to Virginians.”

“Across the board, I am thrilled with our election results and I am very excited to lead an ever-larger House Republican Majority. Alongside our returning incumbents, we are pleased to welcome 15 new members to our Caucus – Delegates-Elect Mark Dudenhefer, Israel O’Quinn, Nick Rush, Randy Minchew, Joseph Yost, Chris Head, Michael Webert, Peter Farrell, Matt Fariss, Rick Morris, David Ramadan, Mike Watson, David Yancey, Keith Hodges and Margaret Ransone. The entire House Republican Caucus, led by Majority Leader and Campaign Chair Kirk Cox (R-Colonial Heights), worked with our candidates over the last several months. From candidate recruitment to fundraising, research and organizational support, yesterday’s victory was a function of time, energy and devotion put into this race by each of our incumbents and candidates. I thank everyone for their hard-work and dedication over the last several months.

“In these difficult and trying times Virginians demand and deserve elected officials who both understand the issues and have a proven pro-job, pro-growth track record. Simply put, Republicans recognize that times are tough and voters recognized that Republicans have the best ideas for economic development and job creation. Our Caucus is, as always, prepared to tackle Virginia’s challenges with the forward-looking, common-sense solutions necessary to keep Virginia heading toward economic recovery and a brighter future,” said Howell.

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