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## **Statement of House Speaker William J. Howell on Results of 2009 General Election**

- Congratulates McDonnell, Bolling & Cuccinelli on Substantial Across-the-Board Wins --
- Republican House Majority Expands by at least 5, Now Totals as many as 60 Members --

**RICHMOND, VA** – Virginia House of Delegates Speaker William J. Howell (R-Stafford) tonight issued the following statement on the results of the 2009 General Election:

“Today, Virginians affirmed their support for and trust in honest, principled leadership in state government and the promise of Republicans to provide real and practical solutions to the everyday challenges they are facing. Once again, voters said ‘yes’ to Republicans leading the Virginia House of Delegates as the majority. Citizens can be assured we will continue working to govern thoughtfully and constructively on their behalf.

“I congratulate Governor-Elect Bob McDonnell on his hard-fought, substantial and well-deserved victory. Virginians enthusiastically were drawn to his positive message of fiscal responsibility, forward-looking solutions and reform-minded executive leadership. I look forward to an active partnership with Governor-Elect McDonnell on key legislative issues to create jobs, keep taxes low and strengthen the high quality of life in our Commonwealth. Likewise, Lt. Governor Bill Bolling and Attorney General-Elect Ken Cuccinelli won through perseverance and commitment to policies that will deliver real results for Virginians. I also look forward to working with these capable leaders to create additional opportunities to help make Virginians more prosperous and safe.

“I am very excited about the opportunity to lead a newly enlarged and re-invigorated House Republican Majority. Our incumbents are returning to serve their constituents and advance even more innovative ideas and positive reforms that build upon our solid record of accomplishments. Along with our 49 returning members, the House Republican Caucus grew tonight, adding 12 new members. Each of these outstanding individuals was able to garner support from Independents, Democrats and Republicans. While I was pleased to lead our winning campaign efforts through strong candidate recruitment, strategic allocation of dollars raised and effective use of new technologies, it was each candidate’s tenacity and dedication to sound, forward-looking policies that was key to their victory. In addition, I thank every one of our unprecedented number of high-quality candidates, successful or not, for participating in our cherished democratic process. On behalf of our Majority Caucus and the entire House of Delegates, I also welcome all of the new members from the other side of aisle to the oldest continuously elected law-making body in the new world.

“Like our successful statewide candidates, House Republican understand that Virginians demand and deserve progress on the key issues of the day – jobs and the economy, transportation, education and balancing the state budget. Going forward, we resolve to tackle these and other challenges creatively and to deliver a brighter future for Virginia. With the campaigns over, it’s now time to focus on governing wisely on behalf of all Virginians we’ve been elected to serve.”

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