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## **Statement of Speaker Howell on Governor McDonnell's State of the Commonwealth Address**

**RICHMOND, VA** – Echoing many of the same practical solutions from tonight's address by Governor Bob McDonnell to the Joint Assembly of the Virginia House of Delegates and Senate of Virginia, Virginia Speaker of the House William J. Howell (R-Stafford) tonight offered the following statement on Governor McDonnell's first State of the Commonwealth Address:

"Governor McDonnell tonight laid out the positive, practical solutions necessary to achieve a Commonwealth of opportunity," observed Speaker Howell. "While communicating with realism and clarity the many serious challenges before us, he set an optimistic tone for the work ahead during the 2010 Session of the General Assembly.

"Like so many, members of the House of Delegates and its strengthened Republican majority look forward to working together with the Governor and all legislators from each chamber and both parties on bringing the state budget into balance, promoting job growth and economic opportunity, holding the line on taxes, and increasing efficiency in the delivering core government services.

"A shared commitment to job creation, economic prosperity and fiscal restraint by government will remain our key focus at this session now begins in earnest as we do what needs to be done to bring state spending in line with limited taxpayer revenues.

"We have our work cut out for us to be sure, but I believe Governor McDonnell tonight helped get us off to a good start and on the right foot."

William J. Howell is the 54<sup>th</sup> Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates and has led the 100-member chamber since 2003. First elected a delegate in 1987, he represents the 28<sup>th</sup> House District, which includes parts of Stafford County and the City of Fredericksburg. As Speaker, Howell performs a number of duties, including assigning all bills to House committees and appointing the chairs and members of each of the 14 standing committees of the House. More information about Speaker Howell is available on his website – [www.williamjhowell.org](http://www.williamjhowell.org).

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