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Statement of Speaker William J. Howell

-- on Delegate Matt Lohr being named new Agriculture Commissioner --

RICHMOND, VA – Virginia House of Delegates Speaker William J. Howell (R-Stafford) today commented on the announcement by Virginia Governor Robert F. McDonnell that he has chosen Delegate Matthew J. Lohr (R-Rockingham) so serve as the Commonwealth's next Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services:

“Matt Lohr is a talented, hard-working and respected leader on agricultural and farming issues, which makes him an exceptionally fine choice for this important position,” said Speaker Howell.

“His upbringing, education and life-long involvement in agriculture, farming, natural resources and looking out for people he works with and serves have made him a ‘go-to’ person for constituents, colleagues and community leaders on these and many other issues. Like so many, I admire and value his common-sense approach to problem solving and his natural ability to motivate and bring people together. These characteristics will serve him well in this new leadership position which is so vital to the future economic growth and prosperity of all Virginians.

“I’ve been pleased to serve with Matt Lohr in the House of Delegates. I know him as a good friend, a loving family man, a person of the highest character and a genuine leader who is committed to serving others. I thank him for his distinguished service and wish him continued success in seizing the new opportunities that lie ahead.”

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