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Virginia League of Conservation Voters Lauds Sen. Houck as “Legislative Hero” for Strong Support of Preservation Issues

CONSERVATION GROUP ENDORSES HOUCK FOR RE-ELECTION

Richmond, VA...The Virginia League of Conservation Voters has endorsed State Sen. Edd Houck for re-election and applauded him as a “Legislative Hero” for his strong support of conservation and preservation priorities in his Central Virginia district.

“Senator Houck has consistently been a great advocate for protecting the Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers, preserving agricultural land, and fighting sprawl,” said Lisa Guthrie, VALCV Executive Director. **“We have awarded Sen. Houck the designation of ‘Legislative Hero’ because of his 100% record of support** for conservation issues during the 2007 General Assembly session,” she continued. **“We urge all residents of the 17th District who share our priorities for clean water, resource protection, and land preservation to cast their votes for Sen. Houck.”**

“The 17th District includes valuable natural resources like the Rappahannock, Rapidan and other rivers and streams as well as priceless historic resources and Civil War battlefields,” Sen. Houck commented. **“Rapid growth is threatening our water supply, devouring our rural land, and jeopardizing our quality of life. I greatly appreciate the endorsement of the Virginia League of Conservation Voters,** and VALCV’s recognition of my work in the State Senate to address these critical natural resource and preservation issues means a great deal to me,” Houck concluded.

Sen. Houck is one of only two Senators to be awarded the designation of “Legislative Hero” for the 2007 session. Among many accomplishments, he fought hard for the Rappahannock River conservation easement and obtained \$410,000 to support patrols to enforce and protect the conservation easement from pollution and over-development. Additionally, Sen. Houck was successful in securing \$200,000 to establish a Civil War Historic Site Preservation Fund that will protect historic sites from future development.

The Virginia League of Conservation Voters is the statewide nonpartisan political voice of Virginia’s conservation community, and dedicated to supporting candidates who promote resource conservation and balanced growth. More information about legislative scores or conservation candidates can be found at www.valecv.org.

Sen. Houck represents the 17th District, which consists of Culpeper, Louisa, Madison and Orange counties and parts of Spotsylvania County and the City of Fredericksburg. ###