

2024 SPECIAL SESSION I

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 626

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3 Commending the Honorable Robert F. McDonnell.

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6 WHEREAS, the Honorable Robert F. McDonnell was selected as the 72nd First Citizen of Virginia Beach
7 by the Virginia Beach Jaycees, honoring his lifetime of service to the Virginia Beach community, the
8 Commonwealth, and the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, the First Citizen of Virginia Beach award recognizes philanthropic community members
10 such as Robert “Bob” McDonnell who have enhanced the quality of life in the city through their visionary
11 leadership; the Virginia Beach Jaycees select an annual award winner from a pool of nominees recommended
12 by past recipients and residents; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition to his service as a member of the United States Army, a state legislator, Attorney
14 General of Virginia, and Governor of Virginia, Bob McDonnell has been a resident of Virginia Beach for
15 nearly 40 years and has made countless contributions to the local community; and

16 WHEREAS, Bob McDonnell is a member of the Virginia Beach law firm Poole Brook Plumlee PC and
17 the founder and president of the McDonnell Group consulting firm, through which he has supported business
18 development in the city; and

19 WHEREAS, Bob McDonnell has also provided his leadership and expertise to the Hampton Roads
20 Chamber of Commerce, Virginians for Reconciliation, the Sister Cities Association of Virginia Beach, and
21 the Samaritan House Foundation; and

22 WHEREAS, Bob McDonnell has promoted faith-based initiatives throughout his career and established
23 the Virginia Beach Boat Church, a unique summer program held at First Landing State Park that allows
24 people to participate in Sunday worship services from their boats or on the beach; and

25 WHEREAS, through his compassion, generosity, and dedication to servant leadership, Bob McDonnell
26 has touched countless lives throughout the Commonwealth and left an indelible mark on Virginia Beach;
27 now, therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED by the Senate of Virginia, That the Honorable Robert F. McDonnell hereby be commended
29 on the occasion of his selection as the 72nd First Citizen of Virginia Beach by the Virginia Beach Jaycees;
30 and, be it

31 RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to
32 the Honorable Robert F. McDonnell as an expression of the Senate of Virginia's admiration for his
33 achievements on behalf of the residents of Virginia Beach and the Commonwealth.

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