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## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 626

Offered June 28, 2024

*Commending the Honorable Robert F. McDonnell.*

Patron—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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