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**Statement of Governor Bob McDonnell on  
Passing of Former Congressman Owen Pickett**

**CHICAGO** – Governor Bob McDonnell issued the following statement this evening regarding the passing of former Virginia congressman Owen Pickett. Pickett represented the 2nd Congressional District from 1987-2001.

“I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my good friend Owen Pickett. Owen dedicated his life to public service. He was a patriot. He served the Commonwealth in the House of Delegates and our nation in the House of Representatives. That was his passion: service. That passion was evident when in August he accepted my offer to Co-Chair our Commission on Military and National Security Facilities. Even in his final months, knowing that his health was failing, Owen volunteered to once again serve the people of Virginia. I will miss Owen Pickett, we all will. He knew what he believed in and he was committed to his ideals. He loved the Second District, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States of America. On behalf of all Virginians I offer my deepest sympathies to his family and his many, many friends during this tough time. Owen Pickett will be missed.”

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