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**Statement of Senator Jim Webb
on his Endorsement of Leslie Byrne for U.S. Congress**

Washington, DC—Senator Jim Webb (D-VA) today issued the following statement:

“I am pleased to announce that I am endorsing the candidacy of Leslie Byrne for Congress from Virginia’s 11th Congressional District.

“I am convinced that Leslie Byrne is our best candidate. Leslie shares my values about economic fairness and the need to re-order our national security policies – both in Iraq and throughout the world. In her service as a state legislator and member of Congress, Leslie Byrne has demonstrated time and again that she is tough, fiercely independent and willing to stand up to powerful special interests. I would be proud to serve in Congress with her.

“The Democratic Party has fielded outstanding candidates for the primary, including Gerry Connolly – the Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The winner of our primary must be able to serve effectively in the House of Representatives and reflect the values that are important to citizens in the 11th District. Through their service in the community and in government, our leading candidates can certainly do that.

“As the primary season begins, I look forward to a positive and spirited contest in the 11th District. As in my 2006 Senate campaign and the governor races that preceded it, and as with the recent Presidential primary, I hope we can continue to attract new people to the Democratic Party and its ideals. At the end of this process, I expect 11th District Democrats to stand united behind our nominee. And I expect us to win in November.”

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