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Virginia Legislator of the Year Award ***VRMA Announces Delegate John Cosgrove***

(RICHMOND, Va.) – The Virginia Retail Merchants Association (VRMA), a not-for-profit trade organization representing more than 5,400 Virginia retailers and local merchants, recently named John Cosgrove VRMA Legislator of the Year. Delegate Cosgrove received his award this week at the VRMA 102nd Annual Membership Meeting at the Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, VA.

Delegate John A. Cosgrove, a republican, represents the city of Chesapeake in the 78th House District. Elected in 2001, and now serving his third term in the General Assembly, Delegate Cosgrove has focused his efforts on protecting our family values, public safety, education, transportation and protecting the Chesapeake Bay.

In the General Assembly, Delegate Cosgrove serves on four very important committees, Transportation, General Laws, Privileges and Elections, as well as Science and Technology. He serves as Chairman of the Professions/Occupations and Administrative Process sub-committee of the General Laws Committee and he is a member of the ABC/Gaming subcommittee of the General Laws Committee. Delegate Cosgrove also serves as Vice Chairman of the Virginia Delegation of the Chesapeake Bay Commission. He has been appointed to the Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS), the BRAC related Virginia Commission of Military Bases, and the Virginia Housing Commission. He is Chairman of the Modeling and Simulations and the Cyber Crimes sub-committees of JCOTS.

Delegate Cosgrove has been the chief sponsor of legislation on various issues, including but not limited to, the Constitutional Amendment on Marriage, the “Laci” Peterson Bill that makes it a murder to kill the child of an expectant mother, as well as bills establishing Veteran’s Recognition Week, a Drug Court in Chesapeake, and the Back to School Sales Tax Holiday Bill. Most recently, Delegate Cosgrove carried the Wine Delivery Bill for the VRMA which fixed a big problem created the previous year.

Delegate Cosgrove was born in Montgomery, Alabama and later moved to Springfield, Virginia. He attended Shenandoah College and Conservatory of Music to study his love of music. He later continued his education graduating from Tidewater Community College in 1983 and from Old Dominion University in 1985 with a degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. He also served in the United States Navy as an Aerospace Engineering Office/Maintenance Officer.

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Delegate Cosgrove attends Great Bridge Baptist Church and lives in the Great Bridge section of Chesapeake with his wife Sue. He and Sue have been married since 1978 and have two sons, Michael and Brian.

“We honor Delegate Cosgrove this year for his continued dedication to keeping Virginia a pro-business state. His work at the legislature has helped improve the business climate and save our retailers money,” states VRMA President Laurie Peterson Aldrich.

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The Virginia Retail Merchants Association was established in 1905. VRMA is a not-for-profit trade association representing retailers to educate, inform, and serve as a resource. VRMA and its retail member associations represent more than 5,400 retailers and other associated businesses throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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