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VMA 2nd Annual Industrial Strength Leadership Awards

RICHMOND, VA- The Virginia Manufacturers Association Political Action Committee (VMAPAC) and Virginia Manufacturers Association (VMA) awarded this year's *VMA Industrial Strength Leadership Award* to Senator Frank Wagner, 7th Senatorial District, his second year winning the award, and Delegate Kathy Byron, 22nd district of the House of Delegates. The award is in recognition of their outstanding leadership on key manufacturing issues during the 2004 Virginia General Assembly session. In particular, it honors their efforts to lead the House and Senate to create the Joint Subcommittee on Manufacturing and to protect Virginia Workers' Compensation Act.

The selection of these two distinguished members of our Commonwealth's legislature came through the combined consideration of the following factors:

- Leadership
- Stewardship
- Key Votes
- Manufacturing Legislation
- VA FREE Vote Score*

*Virginia FREE monitors and ranks each legislator in the General Assembly according to their voting record on key business issues. For more information, go to www.vafree.com.

The award, which was presented on November 18, 2004, at a banquet ceremony at the Richmond Omni, bears the likeness of the Greek god Hermes. Hermes was the god of commerce and protector of traders. This award represents the exemplary service that Senator Wagner and Delegate Byron provided to both the citizens of the Commonwealth and the manufacturing sector of Virginia.

Brett Vassey, VMA President & CEO, stated, "Senator Wagner and Delegate Byron set a standard in every issue they pursue. They understand that manufacturing in Virginia is unique and they are willing to help make sure that this wealth-generating part of our

economy recovers and grows. We are truly honored to work with such fine leaders and their constituents are certainly lucky to have them serve.”

The VMA is proud to honor both of these legislators for their outstanding strength of character and leadership.



Delegate Kathy Byron



Senator Frank Wagner

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