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Statement of Governor McDonnell on the Passing of Dr. David Nichols

RICHMOND – Governor Bob McDonnell released the following statement today regarding the passing this morning of Dr. David Nichols. Dr. Nichols provided medical care to residents on Tangier Island for over 30 years.

“This summer, Dr. David Nichols saw his dream come true when Tangier Island celebrated the dedication of its new health clinic. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to be with Dr. Nichols at the grand opening of the state of the art medical clinic to serve the Island’s 500 residents. Even in the old clinic, it was the devotion and sacrifice of Dr. Nichols that helped keep Tangier’s residents healthy when he flew on his days off to Tangier Island to treat those who needed medical attention. As the Island’s doctor, Dr. Nichols selflessly continued to treat the sick while he was fighting his own health battle. Tangier Island today not only lost a great doctor, but also lost an important family member. It is my hope that all Virginians pause to reflect on the good deeds performed by Dr. Nichols for 30 years and embrace the true spirit of giving that he embraced during his 62 years of an outstanding life well lived.”