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STUART OUTSCORES POLLARD BEFORE VAFREE
- MORE THAN 100 VIRGINIA BUSINESS LEADERS EVALUATE CANDIDATES
FOR THE 28TH SENATE DISTRICT -

STAFFORD, VA – Following candidate interviews by more than 100 business leaders, former Westmoreland County Commonwealth’s Attorney and Virginia Senate 28th District Republican candidate Richard Stuart outscored his opponent by more than 10 points in the Virginia FREE (Virginia Foundation for Research and Economic Education) evaluations.

“I strongly believe that government should foster an environment for businesses and individuals to flourish,” said Stuart. “For the last two years, Virginia has been ranked the best state to do business and also has been ranked the best state for children to succeed. The policies put forth in Richmond are vital to our continuing economic growth and I will be a strong voice for business in the Virginia Senate.”

Candidate evaluations were conducted by VAFREE members during candidate interviews on September 6 and 7 in Richmond. During the two-day forum, nineteen candidates seeking election to the House and Senate in open seats were interviewed and evaluated by more than 100 business leaders. At the conclusion of each 30-minute interview, participating VAFREE members were asked to evaluate and score the candidates. <http://www.vafree.com/files/interviewscores.htm>

Just last week, Stuart picked up the endorsement of the Virginia AgPAC based on the recommendations of local committees of farmers for his support of the agriculture and forestry industry.

“We have a diverse economy and in order for all industry sectors to perform well we need sound fiscal policy,” said Stuart. “It is important that government leaders listen to the needs of the business community and not stifle their success with over-burdensome regulation and taxation.”

Stuart is seeking to replace retiring State Senator John H. Chichester – who, along with House Speaker Bill Howell, has endorsed Stuart in this campaign. He is a land-use attorney and a former U.S. Marine.

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