**NOMINATION OF SENATOR BRYCE REEVES FOR VCOC/MOAA STATE LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR**

It is with utmost sincerity and conviction that we nominate Virginia State Senator Bryce Reeves for the award of the Virginia Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America STATE LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD. Senator Bryce Reeves singularly distinguished himself through his untiring and successful efforts ushering in several bills in support of veteran’s issues during 2019, most notably a State Constitutional Amendment for tax exemption for personal property tax for 100% disabled veterans (JLC’s #1 issue) that will now be on the 2020 ballot for approval, and the Veteran’s Treatment Court Document that provides dedicated resources and support for veterans facing legal difficulty.

Always leading on veterans issues he is already Chief Patron for over ten pieces of sponsored legislation this year to include Absentee Voting: counting military and overseas ballots received after close of polls, and Virginia National Guard: state active duty for emergency response. Senator Reeves’ diplomatic and persuasive actions garnered overwhelming support in the Virginia State Senate, as well as the House, for these very important bills in support of our deployed military personnel as well as our citizen soldiers in our National Guard when activated during times of State crisis.

These bills, as well as the others Senator Reeves is sponsoring, highlight his adroit ability to work within the bureaucratic complexities of any legislative effort, even during the tumultuous transition that occurs anytime a State legislature (both Senate and House) switch majorities. His steadfast leadership, well known rapport and ability to garner bi-partisan support throughout, continues to ensure veteran issues successfully advance through the legislative process. He is the consummate professional and Gentleman.

A veteran himself, Senator Reeves continues to co-chair the weekly Military and Veterans caucus at the General Assembly where he’ll continue to champion veteran’s issues in the years ahead. He also serves as both the Senate representative on the Virginia Military Advisory Council (VMAC) to the Governor and as a standing member of the National Conference of State Legislature (NCSL) Task Force on Military and Veteran’s Affairs. Senator Reeves already is demonstrating his commitment to the VIRGINA JOINT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL’S annual list of legislative initiatives, leading the way in their presentation to the Virginia General Assembly for consideration to the benefit of the Commonwealth and its Military and Veteran Populations.

Senator Bryce Reeves, who represents the Commonwealth of Virginia’s 17th District, is a stalwart public servant and a tireless warrior in support of Virginia’s Military and Veterans. Senator Bryce Reeves has distinguished himself with unwavering commitment and faithfulness to the Senate of the Commonwealth of Virginia, its Citizens and his constituents in particular. Senator Reeves is a worthy recipient of the Virginia Council of Chapters Award as the STATE LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR.