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## State Sen. Tom Price Awarded Friend of the Taxpayer

**WASHINGTON** - Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) today awarded Georgia Senate Majority Leader (R-Roswell) "Friend of the Taxpayer" for the month of March. ATR has given the award to friends of the taxpayer every month since 1997.

ATR awards Sen. Price Friend of the Taxpayer for his consistent and reasonable approach to addressing Georgia's budget deficit. Last month, Sen. Price led Senate Republicans to pass a balanced 2003 amended budget that included over \$90 million of cuts and no increase in taxes.

Price is also taking a reasonable approach to addressing the 2004 budget. Under his leadership, the first Republican Senate Majority Caucus in over 130 years adopted a budget plan for the 2004 budget calling for responsible and efficient government. The plan, Georgia's Responsible and Efficient and Government Plan (G-REG), calls for an independent commission to ferret out waste in state government; seeks a constitutional amendment to make Georgia's property tax homestead exemption permanent; reprioritizes state functions through efficiencies and cuts, and requires agency accountability through zero-based budgeting.

**"As states throughout the country face growing budget shortfalls, it is refreshing to know that Sen. Price is providing leadership to reduce the tax burden on working families while ridding government waste,"** said taxpayer advocate Grover Norquist, President of the Washington based Americans for Tax Reform. **"I commend Sen. Price's reasonable approach to Georgia's economic challenges."**

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all federal and state tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact Jonathan Collegio at (202) 785-0266 or by email at [jcollegio@atr.org](mailto:jcollegio@atr.org).