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Vernon Robinson Named Hero of the Taxpayer

-- Winston-Salem City Councilman consistently has protected taxpayers' wallets --

WASHINGTON, D.C. – City Councilman Vernon Robinson has been named “Hero of the Taxpayer” for August by Americans for Tax Reform(ATR), the nation’s leading taxpayer advocacy group. Councilman Robinson has been a consistent voice for lower taxes and less government waste during his seven years on the Winston-Salem City Council.

During his tenure, Robinson’s accomplishments are many, including:

- Passing three property tax cuts
- Stopping the subsidizing of a baseball stadium by taxpayers in a 1998 referendum
- Cutting pork-barrel spending to non-profit groups by over 66%
- Producing alternative budgets showing wasteful and unnecessary spending, leading to further economy in city government

“Vernon Robinson demonstrated his considerable legislative skills, and changed the way Winston-Salem does business in the process,” said Grover Norquist, President for Tax Reform in Washington, DC. **“This is political leadership. Councilman Robinson is demonstrating political courage by standing by the hard-working families of Winston-Salem and saying ‘no’ to the big spenders.”**

“President Bush’s tax cuts have finally jump-started the economy, with business investment booming and new jobs beginning to be created,” said Damon Ansell, Chief of Staff at ATR. **“Local governments are often overlooked where fiscal discipline is concerned; all too often, cities and counties look to the taxpayers to keep spending growing. Vernon Robinson should be praised for standing up for the pocketbooks and the jobs of Winston-Salem’s hard-working families.”**

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact Chris Butler at (202) 785-0266 or by email at cbutler@atr.org.