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Nation's Largest Taxpayer Group Honors Campbell with "Taxpayers' Friend Award"

WASHINGTON – Representative John Campbell today was recognized for his outstanding pro-taxpayer voting record last year. The 362,000-member National Taxpayers Union (NTU), a nonpartisan citizen group, has announced that Campbell is among the distinguished recipients of the 2010 "Taxpayers' Friend Award."

"With all the challenges facing our economy, fiscal discipline in Washington, DC has never been more important," NTU President Duane Parde said. "Fortunately, residents of the 48th district of California could count on Campbell, to whom the National Taxpayers Union is proud to present a 'Taxpayers' Friend Award.'"

The award is given to Representatives and Senators who achieve an "A" grade in NTU's annual Rating of Congress. The Rating, which is based on every roll call vote affecting fiscal policy, assigns a "Taxpayer Score" to each Member of Congress that indicates his or her support for reducing or controlling federal spending, taxes, debt, and regulation. For 2010, a total of 165 House and 142 Senate votes were selected from the second session of the 111th Congress.

"Campbell's pro-taxpayer score of 93 percent was one of the best in the entire Congress," Parde continued. "By voting day in and day out to reduce federal spending, taxes, and debt, Campbell proved to be one of the most effective advocates for taxpayers in his state, as well as across the nation."

Between 2009 and the end of 2010, the average "Taxpayer Score" in the House rose slightly from 38 percent to 42 percent. The Senate's average rose by six points, from 39 percent to 45 percent. Unlike those of other organizations, NTU's annual Rating does not simplistically focus on only a handful of equally weighted "key votes." For this reason, it has received praise from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle.

While many Members of Congress talk about fiscally responsible government," Parde concluded. "Representative Campbell backed up those words with solid votes. This Award recognizes that he is a steadfast and effective ally in our battle to make Washington accountable to taxpayers again."

NTU is a nonpartisan, nonprofit citizen group founded in 1969 to work for lower taxes, smaller government, and economic freedom at all levels. Note: The 2010 Rating and a searchable Rating database from 1992 to 2010 is available at www.ntu.org. For questions about the Rating, its history, or methodology, please contact NTU Communications Manager Doug Kellogg at (703) 683-5700.

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