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## Rep. John Culberson Receives Friend of the Shareholder Award

*Rep. Culberson receives award from shareholder advocacy organization for strong record of protecting shareholders.*

WASHINGTON – American Shareholders Association (ASA) today awarded Rep. John Culberson with its annual Friend of the Shareholder award for siding with investors on important shareholder and economic issues in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress. The award was given to Rep. Culberson during a ceremony today in the U.S. Capitol.

**“2004 legislative votes reflected Congress’ intention to eliminate inefficiencies in the economy that were reducing shareholder value,”** said ASA executive director Daniel Clifton. **“The Friend of the Shareholder award demonstrates Rep. Culberson stood on the side of investors during this critical time by voting for pro-growth, pro-investor legislation which has boosted investor confidence and shareholder value for Texas shareholders.”**

U.S. Representatives receive the award for scoring 80 and higher, out of a possible 100, on ASA’s annual congressional scorecard, which measures a Representative’s record on important investor and economic issues. Rep. Culberson scored 90 on the scorecard. In total, 212 representatives and 49 senators received the Friend of the Shareholder award.

Votes in the year’s ratings included preserving the use of stock options, opening up new trade opportunities, tort reform, personal reemployment accounts, Alternative Minimum Tax relief, and international tax reform. All 10 of the measures seek to increase shareholder value and allow for more workers to become investors.

**“Last year’s tax cut, aimed directly at the growing investor class in America, reflects the changing demographics of America’s economy and electorate,”** continued Clifton. **“With more than 50 percent of households and nearly two-thirds of American voters invested in the market, the new investor majority continues to play a greater role in the public policy decisions facing Congress. Rep. Culberson’s voting record demonstrates an avid commitment to protecting Texas shareholders and enhancing economic growth in America.”**

The American Shareholders Association is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization dedicated to analyzing legislation affecting shareholders. To educate U.S. investors, the American Shareholder Association analyzes legislation affecting stockholders, and reports the public positions of elected representatives on these issues. For more information please contact Daniel Clifton at (202) 549-7803 or by email at [dclifton@americanshareholders.com](mailto:dclifton@americanshareholders.com)