



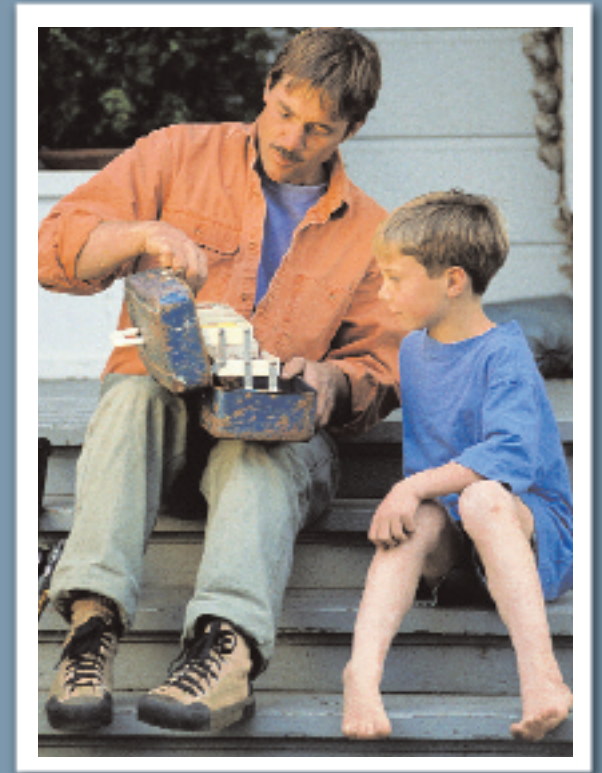
REP. CHARLES TAYLOR

Putting WNC Families First

As we look back on this year, we can see that Congress has tackled a number of issues of vital importance to families in Western North Carolina. With the challenges facing our traditional family values, we have taken action to protect what is important to our family, our faith and our country.

The House passed legislation—of which I was a cosponsor and strong supporter—making it illegal to transport minors across state lines to get an abortion, as well as legislation to protect our children by creating tougher new federal guidelines for convicted sex offenders. We have also taken action to protect the American flag from desecration and to reduce your federal tax burden.

We can take this time to reflect on this year's accomplishments by joining around the Capitol Christmas Tree. Yes, you read that correctly: at long last, we once again have a symbol of Christmas in our nation's capital, and not simply some generic "holiday season." You can be certain that in 2006, I will continue to work to protect and defend the traditional values important to us in Western North Carolina.



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Promoting the Virtues of Citizenship

Throughout Rep. Taylor's tenure in Congress, he has fought to preserve and enhance the traditional values of patriotism, hard work, family and faith. He continues to support legislation which advances these nobles goals and ideals.

- *In November, Rep. Taylor helped pass H.R. 4128, the Private Property Rights Protection Act. This legislation bars federal dollars from going to state and local governments for projects that use eminent domain for economic development purposes. Private property rights are one of the hallmarks of a free society and should be protected accordingly.*
- *Rep. Taylor, like most residents of Western North Carolina, is offended by the desecration of the United States flag. The flag is a symbol of our nation's values and patriotism. Many brave men and women in uniform have fought and died to protect everything for which the flag stands. For this reason, the House passed a Constitutional amendment to prohibit flag destruction in June of this year. The amendment must now be considered by the Senate.*
- *Rep. Taylor has stood for the religious freedom of all Americans and the unaltered Pledge of Allegiance. America is a nation founded on religious faith and the phrase "Under God" is entirely appropriate for inclusion in the Pledge. Rep. Taylor is a cosponsor of H.R. 2389, the Pledge Protection Act, which will ensure that federal courts WILL NOT have the ability to remove the words "Under God" from the Pledge.*

Tax Relief for WNC Families

One of the most important things that Congress can do for families is to reduce their tax burden. People know far better how to use their hard-earned money to help their families than the government ever will. Rep. Taylor will continue to work to produce a fairer, simpler system of taxation for every American and will never support any plan that would increase your taxes. This year alone, the House passed a number of bills which set in place the foundation for building that fairer tax system.

- *H.R. 4297, the Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act of 2005 extends the reduced tax rates on capital gains and dividends through 2010. By extending this tax relief we are putting more money back in the hands of the taxpayers, and they are driving our economy and creating jobs. Since 2003, when the reduced tax rates first went into effect, 4.4 million new jobs have been created in the United States and the economy has grown at an average of 4.1 percent annually.*
- *The House also passed H.R. 4096, which extends the higher Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) exemption levels by one year (through 2006) and indexes these amounts to reflect inflation. This bill will protect millions of individuals and families from an unfair tax increase next year. Without action, the AMT exemption amounts would fall from \$58,000 to \$45,000 for married couples and \$40,250 to \$33,750 for single individuals, subjecting thousands of Western North Carolina families to higher taxes.*
- *Earlier in the year, the House passed H.R. 8, a bill to eliminate the estate and gift taxes. Estate and gift taxes are only a drop in the ocean of overall federal taxes—they yield just one to one-and-one-half percent of all taxes collected—yet they wreak tremendous havoc on families nationwide. Thousands of family farms and small businesses are sold every year just to pay the death tax, or in anticipation of a death tax bill.*

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