

## **Honorary Membership 2014**

### **Nomination Narrative**

Nominee: Congressman David Price (NC-4th)

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[Congressman David Price](#) represents North Carolina's Research Triangle that includes Raleigh, Cary, Durham, Chapel Hill, and surrounding communities. He was elected to Congress in 1986 and has served 12 terms.

Price currently serves on the House Appropriations Committee and serves as the Ranking Democrat on the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, which oversees funding for the Department of Homeland Security. He is a member of the Appropriations Subcommittees responsible for housing, transportation, military construction and veterans' affairs appropriations.

Congressman Price has been a long-time supporter of ASLA, its members, and legislative priorities, including active transportation, green infrastructure, and urban parks legislation. Since 2007, Congressman Price has personally met with landscape architects as part of ASLA's Advocacy Day and In-District Advocacy Day. After meeting with landscape architects from his district and reviewing their legislative requests, Congressman Price has consistently agreed to sponsor ASLA-supported legislation including: the Green Infrastructure for Clean Water Act; the Urban Revitalization and Livable Communities Act; Complete Streets legislation; and supported efforts to fund the Historic American Landscapes Survey. Congressman Price's staff works diligently with ASLA to support the Society's legislative priorities and attends ASLA-sponsored briefings, hearings, and green roof tours.

Congressman Price is a true advocate for multi-modal transportation policies and has stated "I am a strong supporter of "smart growth" development, which emphasizes greater coordination of housing, public transportation, and economic development plans at the local level, as well as an advocate for a "complete streets" policy that improves transportation options for all users – including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, older persons, individuals with disabilities, and motorists. I have worked with local leaders to advance a plan for expanded bus and regional rail, and have also helped lead the fight in Congress to expand and improve high-speed rail in critical corridors, including the Southeast. We simply must develop a true multi-modal transportation strategy in order to keep pace with our community's needs."

Price also strongly supports efforts to protect the environment, promote wise stewardship of our natural resources, ensure clean air and water, and address climate change. Congressman Price has teamed with other representatives working to advance legislation that preserve the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway for generations to come. He has also successfully passed legislation to modernize the system for tracking hazardous waste. In addition, Price continues working to maintain a safe and adequate drinking water supply for Fourth District residents. He was instrumental in compelling the Army Corps of Engineers to raise the Falls Lake dam level to ensure Raleigh's future water supply and has helped secure grants for stream restoration and wastewater processing in North Carolina communities.

Congressman Price received his undergraduate degree at UNC-Chapel Hill and went on to Yale University to earn a Bachelor of Divinity as well as a Ph.D. in Political Science. Before he began serving in Congress in 1987, Price was a professor of Political Science and Public Policy at Duke University. He is the author of four books on Congress and the American political system.

As a champion of legislative issues important to the American Society of Landscape Architects, along with his passion for active transportation issues, sustainable development and green infrastructure, Rep. David Price is an excellent candidate for honorary ASLA membership.



March 28, 2013

Honorary Membership Selection Committee  
American Society of Landscape Architects  
636 Eye Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Honorary Membership Selection Committee,

The Conservation Trust for North Carolina enthusiastically supports the nomination of U.S. Rep. David Price for honorary membership in the American Society of Landscape Architects. Rep. Price is a long-time champion of land conservation, and his actions have benefited not only his district, but the state and nation as well.

Rep. Price has used his position on the Appropriations Committee to push for full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and other federal programs that support specific land conservation projects. He was a sponsor of the Blue Ridge Parkway Protection Act, which would have provided \$75 million to purchase properties with high conservation values adjacent to the Parkway. He has led efforts for funding of Transportation Enhancement programs and the Recreational Trails Program. In addition, he is a strong supporter of the North Carolina Mountains-to-Sea Trail and other trails and greenways including the American Tobacco Trail and Raleigh's Neuse River Greenway.

Rep. Price's vision, commitment, and persistent efforts have resulted in more natural lands being conserved, resulting in cleaner air and water, and more parks, greenways and trails for people to enjoy in the Triangle, throughout North Carolina, and across America.

Rep. Price would be a much-deserving honorary member of the American Society of Landscape Architects, and we are pleased to support his nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Reid Wilson  
Executive Director



February 14, 2013

Honorary Membership Selection Committee  
American Society of Landscape Architects  
636 Eye Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear HMS Committee:

I am writing to support the nomination of US Congressman David Price for honorary membership in the ASLA. Representative Price has a long and consistent record of advocacy for issues of interest to landscape architects, in their role as practitioners of the public health, safety, and welfare. His presence has impacted decisions with a scope from the national to local scales.

As a member of the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations Subcommittee he has been a leader for creation of multi-modal transportation programs. Once established, he has fought for continuation of funding for Transportation Enhancements, Recreational Trails Program, Safe Routes to School, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality programs. He has also championed Safe and Complete Streets, and the multi-agency Partnership for Sustainable Communities with its collaborative approach to addressing and resolving local issues. From his position on the House Appropriations Committee he has also been a persistent supporter of the Land & Water Conservation Fund.

Within his State he has been a faithful advocate for conservation of the viewshed from the Blue Ridge Parkway; completion of the volunteer led, multi decade, 1000 mile long Mountain to Sea Trail; and the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor, with its proposed trail between Richmond and Raleigh. In his District and the surrounding Triangle region he has arranged for direct funding and/or letters of support to responsible agencies for numerous projects that are critical to the rapidly growing area. Among these are the American Tobacco Trail, a three county rail trail conversion; multiple greenway projects, including Raleigh's 28 mile section along the Neuse River; and various stream restoration projects.

His vision, and the number and breadth of his efforts demonstrate Rep. Price's commitment to his constituents and the greater public interest. With this in mind, support of this nomination is enthusiastically offered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Flournoy".

William L. Flournoy, Jr. FASLA  
President