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### STATEMENT OF THE CHAIR AND RANKING REPUBLICAN MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT REGARDING ITS REPORT IN THE MATTER OF REPRESENTATIVE SAM GRAVES

October 29, 2009

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Pursuant to Committee Rules 7(d) and 7(g), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (Standards Committee) determined on October 29, 2009, to release the following statement:

The Standards Committee unanimously voted today to release a public Report finding that Representative Sam Graves did not violate any provision of the Code of Official Conduct or any law, rule, regulation, or other standard of conduct applicable to his conduct in the performance of his duties or the discharge of his responsibilities with respect to an invitation extended to testify before a Committee on Small Business hearing on issues facing the renewable fuels industry to Mr. Brooks Hurst, who held investments in the same renewable fuel cooperatives as Representative Graves' wife. The Committee considers the matter closed and no further inquiry is warranted.

In accordance with Clause 3 of House Rule XI and Rules 14(a)(3) and 18 of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, the Standards Committee unanimously voted to issue the attached Report to the House. The Report follows the receipt of materials forwarded to the Standards Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) and addresses the findings and conclusions of the Standards Committee with regard to the conduct of Representative Graves. OCE's Report and Findings are contained within the Standards Committee's Report as is Representative Graves' response.