

## **SUPPLEMENTAL HPF FUNDING SURVIVES POTENTIAL ATTACK**

March 17, 2006 - On Thursday, March 16 during a meeting of the full House of Representatives, Representative Phil Gingrey (R-GA) proposed removing \$3 million proposed for State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) within the most recent hurricane recovery spending bill (H.R. 4939). Representative Charles Taylor (R-NC), Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Environment and House Preservation Caucus Co-chair Representative Mike Turner (R-OH) spoke against this proposal on the House floor and the idea was defeated.

The \$3 million appropriation, announced in late February, provides supplemental funding for four SHPOs (Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi and Alabama). Gingrey proposed to remove the recommended funds because, he argued, SHPO work does not constitute emergency spending.

The supplemental funding will help support much needed project review in the disaster affected states -- and is supported by the President as an integral part of the rebuilding effort.

Gingrey's failed proposal may have helped preservation's place in the recovery effort by bringing the issue to the attention of the full House.