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A \$200 penalty shall be assessed against any individual who files more than 30 days late.

2015

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FILER STATUS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Member of the U.S. House of Representatives	State: <u>TX</u> District: <u>34</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Officer or Employee	Employing Office:	Staff Filer Type: (If Applicable) Shared <input type="checkbox"/> Principal Assistant <input type="checkbox"/>
REPORT TYPE	<input type="checkbox"/> 2016 Annual (Due: May 15, 2017)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination	Date of Termination:	

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION - ANSWER EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS

A. Did you, your spouse, or your dependent child: a. Own any reportable asset that was worth more than \$1,000 at the end of the reporting period? <u>or</u> b. Receive more than \$200 in unearned income from any reportable asset during the reporting period?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	F. Did you have any reportable agreement or arrangement with an outside entity during the reporting period or in the current calendar year up through the date of filing?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
B. Did you, your spouse, or your dependent child purchase, sell, or exchange any securities or reportable real estate in a transaction exceeding \$1,000 during the reporting period?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	G. Did you, your spouse, or your dependent child receive any reportable gift(s) totaling more than \$375 in value from a single source during the reporting period?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
C. Did you or your spouse have "earned" income (e.g., salaries, honoraria, or pension/IRA distributions) of \$200 or more during the reporting period?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	H. Did you, your spouse, or your dependent child receive any reportable travel or reimbursements for travel totaling more than \$375 in value from a single source during the reporting period?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D. Did you, your spouse, or your dependent child have any reportable liability (more than \$10,000) at any point during the reporting period?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	I. Did any individual or organization make a donation to charity in lieu of paying you for a speech, appearance, or article during the reporting period?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
E. Did you hold any reportable positions during the reporting period or in the current calendar year up through the date of filing?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ATTACH THE CORRESPONDING SCHEDULE IF YOU ANSWER "YES"	

IPO AND EXCLUSION OF SPOUSE, DEPENDENT, OR TRUST INFORMATION - ANSWER EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS

IPO - Did you purchase any shares that were allocated as a part of an Initial Public Offering during the reporting period? If you answered "yes" to this question, please contact the Committee on Ethics for further guidance.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TRUSTS - Details regarding "Qualified Blind Trusts" approved by the Committee on Ethics and certain other "excepted trusts" need not be disclosed. Have you excluded from this report details of such a trust that benefits you, your spouse, or dependent child?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EXEMPTION - Have you excluded from this report any other assets, "unearned" income, transactions, or liabilities of a spouse or your dependent child because they meet all three tests for exemption? Do not answer "yes" unless you have first consulted with the Committee on Ethics.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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30%

Nueces County, TX

Real estate

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✱ In 2015 Rhodes and Vela settled its last outstanding case, and the partners distributed the income from that matter to each other. Since then, the Rhodes and Vela law firm has not actively engaged in the practice of law.

SCHEDULE D - LIABILITIES

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Report liabilities of over \$10,000 owed to any one creditor *at any time* during the reporting period by you, your spouse, or your dependent child. Mark the highest amount owed during the reporting period. **Members:** Members are required to report all liabilities secured by real property including mortgages on their personal residence. **Exclude:** Any mortgage on your personal residence (unless you rent it out or are a Member); loans secured by automobiles, household furniture, or appliances; liabilities of a business in which you own an interest (unless you are personally liable); and liabilities owed to you by a spouse or the child, parent, or sibling of you or your spouse. Report a revolving charge account (i.e., credit card) only if the balance at the close of the reporting period exceeded \$10,000. *Column K is for liabilities held solely by your spouse or dependent child.

SP, DC, JT	Creditor	Date Liability Incurred MO/YR	Type of Liability	Amount of Liability										
				A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
				\$10,001- \$15,000	\$15,001- \$50,000	\$50,001- \$100,000	\$100,001- \$250,000	\$250,001- \$500,000	\$500,001- \$1,000,000	\$1,000,001- \$5,000,000	\$5,000,001- \$25,000,000	\$25,000,001- \$50,000,000	Over \$50,000,000	Over \$1,000,000* (Spouse/DC Liability)
Example	First Bank of Wilmington, DE	5/98	Mortgage on Rental Property, Dover, DE				X							
JT	Lonestar Bank	1/2015	Mortgage on Residence					X						

SCHEDULE E - POSITIONS

Report all positions, compensated or uncompensated, held during the current or prior calendar year as an officer, director, trustee of an organization, partner, proprietor, representative, employee, or consultant of any corporation, firm, partnership, or other business enterprise, nonprofit organization, labor organization, or educational or other institution other than the United States. **Exclude:** Positions held in any religious, social, fraternal, or political entities (such as political parties and campaign organizations); and positions solely of an honorary nature.

Position	Name of Organization