

## Coffman Honored for Water Conservation Legislation

**(WASHINGTON)** —Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) was recognized today by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) for his leadership in advancing green building policies that save energy, water, and money. At an event held in the U.S. Capitol, the USGBC announced that water conservation legislation introduced by Coffman, H.R. 1908, the Water Accountability Tax Efficiency Reinvestment Act of 2009 (WATER Act), is one of the top ten pieces of legislation helping advance green building and the economic activity and jobs that come with it.

Coffman remarked, “The availability of enough fresh water is increasingly becoming a grave concern for Coloradans and all Americans. I am proud to be honored by the Green Building Council for the WATER Act. The WATER Act will help with efforts aimed at water conservation by providing tax incentives to consumers. By the year 2013, it is estimated that 36 states in the U.S. will experience local, regional or statewide shortages. If these shortages are allowed to continue unchecked, it will impact the health and safety of millions of American families, with a corresponding and dramatic negative impact on the nation’s economy.”

Coffman’s WATER Act would provide a 30 percent tax credit up to \$1,500 for consumers who replace less-efficient plumbing fixtures and fittings with those that carry the EPA WaterSense label. The WATER Act is modeled after the U.S. Department of Energy’s successful “Energy Star Program” and will offer the same benefits for water conservation as Energy Star has done for energy conservation.

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