

**Armed Services Committee Approves Coffman Amendment Providing Combat Benefits to Victims and Families of Fort Hood Attack**

*Majority Blocks Release of Restricted Portion of Pentagon's Fort Hood Report*

**WASHINGTON** —The families and victims of the tragic Fort Hood shooting last year will receive combat benefits if an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 offered by Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Colo.) becomes law. They will have to wait, however, to receive the full details of the restricted portion of the Department of Defense's report on the Fort Hood attack.

Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Colo.), Marine Corps combat veteran and the primary sponsor for the Fort Hood amendments, stated, "I'm deeply disappointed that the majority has chosen to be complicit in the Defense Department's willful concealment of the restricted portion of this report because it may be politically embarrassing. This should not be a partisan issue and the American people deserve to know the full findings.

"I am glad, however, that the committee has come together to recognize that the victims of the Fort Hood terrorist attack are just as much a part of the War on Terror as any other service member in a combat zone and will be treated as such."

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