

Coffman Awards Local Students in Washington

(WASHINGTON) — Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) presented two Sixth District high school students this week with 2010 Congressional Award Gold Medals. Austin Reed and Katrina Atkinson, both from Evergreen, Colorado, were recognized for challenging themselves and making lasting contributions to their community through four achievement areas: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition.

“I enjoyed awarding Austin and Katrina with the Congressional Gold Medal,” said Coffman. “These students are a shining example of what can be accomplished when young people take the initiative to make a difference in their community. Austin and Katrina have made lasting contributions to our community, and I congratulate them both on their achievement.”

Austin Reed, a Boy Scout, earned his Congressional Gold Medal award by volunteering at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and contributing at a senior center. He also took up the sports of fencing and nordic combined. For the expedition component, Austin spent two weeks backpacking at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Katrina Atkinson earned her Congressional Gold Medal award by volunteering at the Denver Zoo, and engaging in her community choir. She was also active with the Winter Park alpine ski team. For her expedition component, Katrina planned, climbed and reached the summit of one of Colorado’s 14,000-foot peaks.

The Congressional Award is the United States Congress' annual award for young Americans. It is a non-partisan, voluntary, and non-competitive program, open to all young people between the ages 14 and 23. Bronze, Silver, and Gold certificates and medals are presented by Members of Congress to recipients in their respective district.



Rep. Coffman awards Austin Reed with the Congressional Award Gold Medal on June 23, 2010 in Washington, D.C.



Rep. Cliff Coburn presents the Congressional Gold Medal to a local student.