Coffman Statement on Passage of D.C. Voucher Bill

(WASHINGTON) – U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) released the following statement today in response to his vote in favor of H.R. 471, the Scholarships for Opportunity and Results (SOAR) Act, a bill that would restore and expand the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program (DCOSP). The bill would authorize $60 million for each fiscal year from 2012 through 2016, with $20 million for the DCOSP, $20 million for Washington, D.C. public schools, and $20 million for D.C. public charter schools.

“This D.C. school choice program is successfully reforming the education system in our nation’s capitol. It has yielded a 91 percent graduation rate among its participants and students in the program have made significant academic achievement gains,” Coffman said. “Parents and students in Washington, D.C. deserve better options and if the senate is serious about bipartisan education reform, they should approve this bill.”

The measure passed the House of Representatives on a vote of 225-195. Coffman was a co-sponsor of the bill.