Coffman Statement on Death of Osama bin Laden

(WASHINGTON) – U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman (R-CO) released the following statement today after the President announced that United States forces had killed Osama bin Laden:

“This will bring closure to the attack on 9/11 but it will have nothing to do with ending the global war on terror. After 9/11, U.S. efforts to target the leadership of al Qaida caused Osama bin Laden to keep his head down causing him to lose operational control of al Qaida ending his ability to initiate attacks against the United States. At that point, al Qaeda became more of a decentralized movement instead of a structured organization,” Coffman said. “However, since Osama bin Laden was seen as the spiritual leader of radical Islam we should be prepared for stepped up attacks against American targets as well as a strong reaction by Pakistani Islamic militants against their government for their cooperation.”

“Congratulations to our special operations personnel who conducted this successful mission,” Coffman said.