

**HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo.**—Today, U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman, R-Aurora, released the following statement celebrating Independence Day:

“Independence Day provides us all with the opportunity to remember and be thankful for the great nation in which we live.

This Independence Day, while we’re spending time with our friends and family, let us not forget those men and women who have fought for the freedoms we enjoy. Let us also take time to thank the firefighters and first responders who are protecting our state.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July!”

*Published July 4, 2012*