

**WASHINGTON** — Today marks the 136th anniversary of the great state of Colorado. U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman, R-Aurora, released the following statement celebrating the Centennial State—

“For 136 years, people from around the world have come to Colorado to celebrate the beauty and diversity of our state. From our snowcapped mountain peaks to our agricultural plains - from our small rural towns to our urban centers - and from our championship sports teams to our very own Olympic hero Missy Franklin, we as Coloradans have so much to be proud of.

“More recently, Colorado has been seen for our heart. Recently, we have faced some of our darkest times, but by coming together and supporting each other, we have shown the world just how strong, resilient and loving our state is.”

“As a lifelong Coloradan, I thank God that I have been blessed to live in the greatest state in the country.”

“Please join me in celebrating Colorado Day today. If you are in Colorado, you can take advantage of free access to our state's history museums today. This is a great opportunity for families to learn more about our wonderful state!”

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