HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo.— U.S. Rep. Mike Coffman, R-Aurora, was presented with the 2012 Standing Up for America's Seniors Award by RetireSafe.

"Seniors have a true friend and leader in Cong. Coffman, who is always fighting for a strong Medicare, affordable medicines, and preserving health care choices. He has definitely earned this award and deserves our thanks," Thair Phillips, President of RetireSafe, said.

The Standing Up for America's Seniors Award is given to Members of Congress who have a strong record of fighting for senior citizens. The criteria for the award are:

- Exhibiting outstanding leadership in Congress to protect Medicare, which is critical to millions of American seniors and their families.
- Ensuring access to affordable prescription medicines for seniors through the Medicare Part D program.
- Demonstrating a continued commitment to protect the doctor/patient relationship for seniors.
- Preserving a vast selection of health care options for seniors so that they may choose the best plan for themselves and their families.
- Representing senior constituents with individual issues before government agencies so that they receive the benefits and services they have earned.
- Supporting government services and necessary funding for senior programs in the Representative's district.

"I'm truly honored to be recognized for my work on behalf of Colorado's senior citizens," Coffman said. "Protecting Medicare and ensuring seniors have access to quality health care is one of the most important obligations I have to the people I represent. It's an obligation I take very seriously."

Coffman also thanked RetireSafe for their work on behalf of senior citizens—

“RetireSafe does tremendous work advocating for senior citizens across the country. I would like to thank them for their work to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare, and fight for the financial wellbeing and personal security of our senior citizens. ”

About RetireSafe: RetireSafe is national, nonprofit, nonpartisan grassroots organization that advocates and educates on behalf of America's seniors on issues regarding Social Security, Medicare, health and financial well-being. You can find more information by visiting www.RetireSafe.org .

Congressman Mike Coffman, center, is presented with the 2012 Standing Up for America's Seniors Award by RetireSafe on August 8 at his Lone Tree, CO office. From left, Matty Pollard, Cole Alzheimer Association, Anita Fricklas, Arthritis Foundation, Adam Resnick, Congressman Mike Coffman, Thair Phillips, President of RetireSafe, Jason Marquez, Colorado Gerontological Society, Jill Lysengen, Arthritis Foundation, and Debra Wells.

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