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## Arapahoe County recognized for its Military Leave Policy

Supervisors and employees receive certificates of appreciation from Peterson Air Force Base

**Littleton, Colo.** - Arapahoe County received two awards Tuesday recognizing its Military Leave Policy. Fred Fletemeyer of the Colorado Committee for Employer Support from Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs was on hand to present the County with the certificates.

The awards came from a nomination by Public Works and Development employee Willie Cuevas, who has served 30 years in the Air Force Reserve with the 302nd Maintenance Squadron and Civil Engineer Squadron at Peterson AFB Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners and supervisors received a Certificate of Employer Support for the County's Military Leave Policy. In addition, a Certificate of Appreciation was given to all County employees who have served in military active duty and returned to employment. Willie Cuevas accepted the certificate on behalf of those employees and received his own certificate for his 30 years of service. Willie's wife, Christine also received a Certificate of Support and Appreciation for the years she supported her husband in his many activations to active duty.

"This is quite an honor for the County," said Frank Weddig, Chair ProTem. "We are pleased to support our Armed Forces and our employees in their commitment to serving not only our County, but our Country."

Arapahoe County has one of the most generous policies in the state for County employees who have served in military active duty and returned to employment. The policy allows any employee pay at 100 percent for the first 30 days following the date the employee reports to duty. If the employee remains on active duty for more than 30 days, the County will pay the difference between the employee's base military pay and their County pay for up to 18 months.

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