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## **News Release**

### ***State Board Chairman Honored With 2009 Lion's Heart Award***

Colorado State Board of Education Chairman Bob Schaffer will be honored with the 2009 Lion's Heart Award for his work to celebrate the mission and vision of Colorado Springs Christian Schools. CSCS is the largest Christian school in Colorado, serving almost 1,200 students from kindergarten through grade 12 on four campuses.

Schaffer will be presented with the award at a fundraising event on Saturday, June 6 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Colorado Springs Christian Schools auditorium, 4855 Mallow Road.

"Anyone who has had the pleasure of working alongside Bob Schaffer becomes keenly aware of his deep passion for education and providing quality schools for children, whether the setting is public or private," said Commissioner of Education Dwight D. Jones. "Congratulations to Board Chairman Schaffer on being presented with this award."

As board chairman, Schaffer represents the state's fourth congressional district. Schaffer's term began in Jan. 2006 and will conclude in Jan. 2013.

Born in Cincinnati, Schaffer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Dayton majoring in political science. He received an honorary doctorate in management from Colorado Technical University.

Beginning in 1987, Schaffer served nine years in the Colorado State Senate. From 1997 until early 2003, he represented Colorado's fourth congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Schaffer left Congress to honor a voluntary term-limit pledge he had taken when he first ran. Thereafter he became vice-president for business development at a Denver-based energy company. He was also a Trustee of Yorktown University. He resigned both positions to run for a seat in the U.S. Senate in 2008.

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