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**MAYOR RECOGNIZED AS ELECTED OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR  
BY SENIORS' RESOURCE CENTER**

**WHEAT RIDGE** – Kathleen Stapleton, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Seniors' Resource Center and President/CEO John Zabawa presented Mayor Jerry DiTullio with SRC's *Elected Official of the Year Award* at the City Council meeting on Monday, May 23, 2011. SRC, a 501c3 non-profit organization, is a community partner providing person-focused, coordinated services to enhance independence, dignity and quality of life for seniors.

John Zabawa, President/CEO of SRC, said, "On behalf of the Jefferson County Council on Aging and the Seniors' Resource Center, I am honored to present the 2011 Elected Official of the Year Award to Mayor DiTullio. This award is presented to an elected official who demonstrates leadership and commitment in support of our older adult residents. Mayor DiTullio personifies this leadership through his support of the startup of the Wheat Ridge Circulator bus service and his support of the Seniors' Resource Center's facility expansion."

Mayor DiTullio added, "I am honored by this unexpected recognition. SRC plays a very important role in providing services to the seniors in our community and I have enjoyed our longstanding partnership with SRC."

Mayor pro tem and District IV Councilmember Tracy Langworthy, was also instrumental with the Senior Circulator bus service initiative. She added, "I congratulate Mayor DiTullio on this recognition; the Senior Circulator bus services has been very successful and we are pleased to have SRC in our community."

*Picture of award presentation attached. Caption: (at left) Kathleen Stapleton, Chairman of the SRC Board of Directors, Mayor Jerry DiTullio, (at right) John Zabawa, President/CEO of SRC.*

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