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**DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AWARDS HIGHEST HONOR TO JACK HILBERT
FOR REGIONAL LEADERSHIP**

DENVER – The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) presented its highest honor, the John V. Christensen Memorial Award, to Jack Hilbert for excellence in regional leadership. The award recognizes Hilbert’s long record of public service and many regional roles. It was presented by DRCOG Chair Elise Jones at DRCOG’s annual awards celebration, April 27 at the Westin Denver International Airport.

Hilbert was first elected as a Douglas County Commissioner in 2006 and served through 2014. In 2009 he joined the DRCOG Board of Directors, on which his collaborative style and leadership led to his election as chair in 2014. His other notable accomplishments include:

- **President of Colorado Counties** where he worked collaboratively with counties statewide to improve legislative, regulatory and policy decisions
- **Lead commissioner** for Douglas County transportation issues and a member of the National Association of Counties Transportation Steering Committee
- **Original member** of the C-470 Corridor Coalition
- **Member of the Governor’s Oil and Gas Task Force**, through which he helped convene community and industry leaders to address development in our state

The list is long, but the common thread is Hilbert’s strong, compassionate leadership and servant’s heart. In 2014 he accepted a position as system manager for the newly formed Child Welfare Hotline within the Colorado Department of Human Services. When Hilbert made the decision to leave his position as Douglas County Commissioner and DRCOG Board Chair, he said: “The opportunity to serve and protect our state’s youngest and most vulnerable population was an opportunity I could not let pass me by.”

The John V. Christensen Award was first presented in 1973 to honor the late John V. Christensen, an Arapahoe County commissioner and DRCOG co-founder. Hilbert joins a distinguished list of previous

winners. Will Toor, transportation program director at Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, received the award in 2015.

The Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) is a planning organization where local governments collaborate to establish guidelines, set policy and allocation finding in the areas of:

- ***Transportation and personal mobility***
- ***Growth and development***
- ***Aging and disability resources***

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