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**Colorado Restaurant Association Awards Holly Arnold Kinney the 2010
Richard P. Ayers Award for Distinguished Service**

MORRISON (April 8, 2010) – Over 300 foodservice professionals from throughout Colorado gathered at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Denver on March 31, 2010, to honor foodservice superstars at the Colorado Restaurant Association’s Annual Industry Spotlight Awards.

Holly Arnold-Kinney, owner of The Fort restaurant, was presented the Richard P. Ayers Award for Distinguished Service, the Colorado Restaurant Association’s most prestigious award. This award is presented each year to the CRA member who has distinguished him or herself through service to the association, the foodservice industry and the community.

Kinney, a native of Colorado, is no stranger to the restaurant business having spent her entire life in and around the world famous and historic restaurant, The Fort. She has served on the CRA Board of Directors and The CRA Executive Committee for many years. Kinney has been on National TV, appearing on NBC’s Today Show with Al Roker, TV Food Network with Bobby Flay and the Food Networks highly acclaimed show “Unwrapped”. Locally she has appeared on Fox 31, Rocky Mountain PBS, and KUSA Channel 9.

Having a passion for history Holly partnered with her father, Sam Arnold to found the Tesoro Cultural Center in 2000. Tesoro, a non-profit organization is committed to protecting and making available to the community the artistic treasures and history of the American past.

The Richard P. Ayers Award for Distinguished Service, the Colorado Restaurant Association’s highest honor, is presented annually. From its inception in 1957 until 1976, the Distinguished Service Award was called the “Man of the Year” award. The name was changed in 1976 to recognize female recipients. The name was changed again in 2007 to honor Richard P. Ayers, who epitomized what the award stands for.

To learn more about the award ceremony please visit www.coloradorestaurant.com
To learn more about Holly Arnold Kinney and The Fort please visit www.thefort.com



Jeremy Kinney, Holly Arnold Kinney and
Mayor John Hickenlooper

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