Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement after being named a "Defender of Liberty" by the American Conservative Union (ACU). King was presented with the "Defender of Liberty Award" by ACU Chairman Al Cardenas. The ACU awards the title of "Defender of Liberty" based on an analysis of congressional votes on issues that are of particular importance to grassroots conservatives. For votes cast in 2010, King received a total of 96 points out of a possible 100.

Congressman Steve King (at left) receives the ACU "Defender of Liberty Award" from ACU Chairman Al Cardenas

"The ACU is one of the leading voices in the conservative movement, and it is an honor to receive their 'Defender of Liberty Award,'" said King. "The ACU champions the causes of individual liberty, personal responsibility, lower taxation, smaller government, and reduced spending, and I am proud that they have judged my voting record to be in accord with promoting these important principles."

ACU Chairman Al Cardenas said the following after presenting Congressman King with the award:

"The 'Defender of Liberty Award' is a reflection of Congressman King's outstanding record in support of conservative principles on a wide range of issues of concern to grassroots conservatives in 2010, and Congressman King is someone who conservatives across the country turn to for leadership. At a time when the fundamental principles of the American system of government are being challenged, Congressman King stands with those who are trying to preserve those principles."

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