



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Honors the Service of Keith Kieffer

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REP. TOM EMMER:

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible work of Keith Kieffer, which has made him the deserving recipient of the Humanitarian Service Medal. Keith began his service to this great nation when he joined the Air Force in 1975. Three years after his enlistment, Keith received orders to go to Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands, where his mission was to clean up contamination from 43 atomic bombs which were dropped on that island. During his time on the island, Keith cleaned up World War II wreckage, as well as dug trenches which exposed him to contaminated soil. Upon his retirement from the Air Force in 1978, Keith earned the title of Atomic Veteran. Keith is a true American hero. He selflessly put his own well-being on the line to protect future generations. Congratulations on receiving the long-overdue Humanitarian Service Medal, Keith. Your service will never be forgotten.

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