



Rep. Tom Emmer on House Floor Tribute

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REP. TOM EMMER:

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Minnesota's finest military families who fought during our nation's darkest hour. I would especially like to remember one family member who made the ultimate sacrifice and who, after more than a half-century, will finally be returned and laid to rest in his beloved home state. Quinton, Earl, and Harold Gifford all bravely served our nation during World War II, while Earl and Harold made it home safely, Quinton, who served on the USS Oklahoma, died in the attack on Pearl Harbor. For 75 years, Quinton remained in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific until this year, when his remains were finally identified. The identification of Quinton has brought relief and closure to his family, who never forgot the brother they lost. The Giffords are happy to have the chance to give Quinton the memorial he deserves. I speak for all Minnesotans when I say we are happy to finally welcome home a hero like Quinton.

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