



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Congratulates Normandy Scholar

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** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Evan Dufresne and his teacher Christopher Stewart of the North Lakes Academy Charter School. Evan has recently been named a Normandy Scholar, and with this, Evan and Mr. Stewart have been chosen to attend the Normandy Sacrifice for Freedom Albert H. Small Student and Teacher Institute. They will participate in this prominent program alongside 14 other student and teacher teams from across the United States. After coming up shy in last year's application, Evan doubled down on his commitment to this project. He resigned from the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program after five dedicated years, and even chose to delay his plans to join the Army National Guard. Thankfully, Evan's perseverance and dedication appealed to this year's judges. The Normandy Scholar Program allows students to learn about World War II at an in-depth level by researching and telling the story of a fallen soldier from their hometown. The program also gives them the chance to pay their respects to this hero at the Normandy American Cemetery in Normandy, France. Congratulations to both Evan and Mr. Stewart for being chosen to participate, and thank you for telling the story of an American hero from the Greatest Generation who paid a tremendous sacrifice. We look forward to hearing more about your educational journey in the months to come.

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