



Rep. Tom Emmer on House Floor Tribute

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REP. TOM EMMER:

Hello, everyone. Congressman Tom Emmer here. Today on the 15th anniversary of September 11th, I'd like to take a moment to remember the 2,996 lives that were lost on that tragic day. I'm sure, like me, you can recall exactly where you were and exactly what you were doing when you heard the news and saw that terrifying footage on television. It was devastating to learn about the mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons and daughters who never returned home that day to their loved ones. Despite the horror that came that day, countless heroes emerged. Firefighters, police officers, first responders and civilians who rushed into danger to save their fellow Americans, risking their own lives in the process. Nobody will ever forget the stories of individuals like the passengers on United Airlines Flight 93, Todd Beamer, Jeremy Glick, Tom Burnett and Mark Bingham, who courageously fought the flight's hijackers to prevent the airplane from reaching its intended target, the U. S. Capitol. Even on our darkest day, the bravery of Americans was unwavering. The American way of life was forever changed after September 11th, and we've had to defend our country against cowardly acts of terror ever since. Over the past 15 years, our enemy has been an evil ideology of radical Islam and those who promoted just this past year with the attacks in San Bernardino and Orlando. We have seen again just how quickly acts of terror can occur and how easily the enemy can hide right in our midst. It's our job in Congress to pass laws and provide the resources necessary to ensure the safety of all Americans. And I promise you that I don't take that responsibility lightly on this anniversary of September 11th. I want to tell you that maintaining our national security will always be one of the highest priorities to me, and I will take every measure necessary to guarantee the safety of every American. As President Bush so eloquently stated after the September 11th attacks, we will not tire. We will not falter, and we will not fail. And I can assure you that this will forever remain true. Thanks for listening, and God bless America.

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