



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Pays Tribute to Our Nation's Heroes On Memorial Day

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** Hello, everyone. Congressman Tom Emmer here wishing you a happy Memorial Day. Now, before you head out to your respective barbecues and parties to celebrate this weekend, let's take a moment to reflect on the true meaning of this important day. In my opinion, Memorial Day is one of the most important holidays that we celebrate as a nation because of who it honors and why. This holiday is meant to honor the brave men and women who have laid down their lives in service to our great nation, those who paid the ultimate sacrifice so that the rest of us could continue to enjoy the many freedoms and liberties that our founding fathers bestowed upon us. The freedom of speech, the freedom of religion, the freedom to pursue happiness. We are the greatest nation in the world because of the sacrifices of our service members and their families. Our troops are the best this nation has to offer. So one of my favorite parts of serving in Congress is meeting with our troops and thanking them for their unwavering dedication to this country. Just this past weekend, I had a chance to welcome home some members of the Minnesota National Guard who had been serving in Afghanistan. These brave Minnesotans left their families, putting their lives on hold and at risk to serve in one of the most hostile environments in the world, to see them return safely and to watch their reunions with their families and loved ones filled us with so much joy. It was also a somber reminder that returning home safely is not always the outcome for all of these courageous individuals. I recently saw a quote that said, To be killed in a war is not the worst that can happen. To be lost is not the worst. To be forgotten is the worst. This is why every day, but particularly on this special weekend, we ensure that those who sacrifice their lives will never be forgotten. Today I ask that we all thank God for these heroes that walked among us. We must remember that their sacrifice was not in vain. And that in order to be worthy of their sacrifice, it's our duty to remember them today and every day for the rest of our lives. Because if I know one thing to be true, it's this. We are the land of the free because of the brave. Happy Memorial Day, everyone. God bless you all. God bless our troops. And God bless the United States of America.

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