



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Speaks in Honor of Alzheimer's Awareness Month

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****HOST:**

** [Introduction would typically be here]

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Mr. Speaker, in honor of Alzheimer's Awareness Month, I would like to bring attention to a disease that is all too prevalent in our country. Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia and today approximately 5.3 million Americans are living with this disease. To put it in perspective, that is the same as the population of the state of Minnesota. Alzheimer's is a cruel disease that knows no limits. From the 30-year-old mother of three young ones who is suffering from early-onset Alzheimer's to the elderly grandfather who fails to recognize his loved ones, this is a disease that is devastating families across our country. Unfortunately, statistics show that Alzheimer's rates are rapidly increasing. In fact, by 2050, the number of people aged 65 years or older with Alzheimer's is estimated to triple. At this point in time, Alzheimer's cannot be prevented or cured, which is why we must work harder to ensure that one day, life without the risk of Alzheimer's can become a reality. I yield back. *Note: This transcript appears to be from a Congressional floor speech rather than a TV/radio interview format.*

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