



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Honors Recipients of the Department of Defense Patriot Award

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend several police officers in my district for receiving the U.S. Department of Defense Patriot Award. Police Chief Todd Schweiger and Police Reserve Captain Richard Johnson both received the Distinguished Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Patriot Award for their efforts helping an active duty soldier work in their department while continuing his service to our country through the Army Reserve. Created in 1972, the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve was created to help employers understand the obligations of their active duty employees and how to meet any challenges that may arise for those employees. St. Francis Reserve Officer and Army Reserve Staff Sergeant Richard Seiber, whom they had been helping, nominated Chief Schweiger and Captain Johnson for this award. Serving in our nation's armed forces is one of the most noble ways one can assist our nation and it's imperative that we help the brave individuals who choose to serve our country in any way that we can. I thank both Todd Schweiger and Richard Johnson for their dedication to our service members as well as their own service to our community through their work in the St. Francis Police Department. Your work hasn't gone unnoticed. I yield back.

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