



# Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer speaks in support of bill to designate Kort M. Plantenberg Post Office

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## **\*\*HOUSE SPEAKER:**

\*\* Emmer. The gentleman from Minnesota is recognized.

## **\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today in support of H.R. 6218, which would designate the postal facility on Blattner Drive in Avon, Minnesota, as the Warrant Officer Candidate, Court Miller Plattenberg Post Office. Kurt was a true Minnesotan. He was born in St. Cloud, he was raised in Avon, and he graduated from the University of Minnesota in Duluth. In 2016, Kurt enlisted in the National Guard as an aircraft electrician. During his time with the Guard, he served a nine-month deployment in Kuwait, where his unit provided aerial medical evacuation. Later, when he returned home, he was hired as a federal technician, a UH-60 mechanic at St. Cloud's Army Aviation Support Facility. Kurt was only 28 when he lost his life three years ago this month in a tragic helicopter accident. Two other guardsmen, James A. Rogers, Jr. and Charles P. Nord, lost their lives in the same accident. I'm very pleased that my friend and fellow colleague in the Minnesota delegation, Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach, has offered legislation, will rename post offices in her district in honor of James and Charles. Kurt will be remembered for his passion for flying and for his love of his family and friends. Naming the Avon post office after him will allow the community to honor his service to this country and to the great state of Minnesota. I urge all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to support HR 6218 and I yield back.

## **\*\*HOUSE SPEAKER:**

\*\* The gentleman yields. The gentlewoman from New York is recognized.

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