



Rep. Tom Emmer on House Floor Tribute

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REP. TOM EMMER:

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of fallen St. Joseph, Minnesota, police officer Brian Kleinfelter. It's been 20 years now since Brian was killed in the line of duty, and this loss is still felt in our community today. On a cold night in January, Officer Kleinfelter was nearing the end of his shift when he heard of an armed robbery over the radio dispatch and decided to help his fellow officers pursue the robbers. Not long after, Officer Kleinfelter was tragically shot and killed in his brave attempt to protect his colleagues and the community he loved. The men and women in blue are some of the finest this nation has to offer, and Officer Brian Kleinfelter is proof of that. Every morning they put on their uniforms, not knowing if they will safely return to their loved ones at the end of the day. The sacrifices they make are done because of their selfless love of country, community, and their neighbors. The night Brian was killed, he left behind his wife, Wendy, and his newborn daughter, Kaitlyn, along with numerous family members and friends. Wendy and Kaitlyn, we haven't forgotten you, and we have not forgotten Brian, the incredible life he lived, and the brave sacrifice that he made. I yield back.

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