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Recognizing Silver Patrick Henry Medallion Recipient Colin Kimball

By U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson

Mr. Speaker, it gives me great honor to rise today and recognize Colin Kimball for receiving the Silver Patrick Henry Medallion from the Dallas Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW). This award commends those individuals who exemplify outstanding patriotism.

Colin Kimball enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1976. While in the Air Force, Colin attained the rank of Sergeant and served in various airfield facilities. After being honorably discharged, Colin went on to pursue his education at Centenary College of Louisiana and Northeast Louisiana University where he earned his bachelor's and master's degree in geology.

Colin's love of country and dedication to service continues today as he serves his community in many honorable capacities. Colin serves at McKinney's Bill Bryan Post 110 of the American Legion and serves on the Veterans Selection Committee for the Smiles Charity, whose mission is to raise money and build homes for our Wounded Warriors returning home from the War on Terror. In 2013, Colin co-founded the Collin County Fallen Warrior Project. This initiative displays portraits of Collin County's fallen warriors, painted by Colin Kimball, in the Collin County Courthouse. Today, there are 18 portraits of our fallen heroes that hang in the halls of the Courthouse.

I thank Colin for the devoted time and effort that he places in honoring our fallen soldiers. Colin's own personal accomplishments are outstanding, but Colin has un-selfishly chosen to dedicate a great amount of time to show tribute to our Nation's heroes so that they will be remembered for generations to come.

Esteemed colleagues, I ask you to please rise and join me in congratulating Colin Kimball. Let us thank him for his commitment to honoring the legacies of Collin County's fallen soldiers, and let us encourage him as he continues to commemorate those who serve our country.

God Bless you and I salute you.