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Mr. Michael L. Emerson
The Gold Star Families Memorial Project
2715 Christopher Court
Hayward, CA 94541-3179

Dear Mr. Emerson:

Thank you for contacting my office. I appreciate your hard work and the thoughtful contributions being made to honor our nation's families that have truly paid the ultimate sacrifice. Losing a father, mother, daughter or son is a debt that can never be repaid. I only hope this memorial lifts the spirits of those living on in their memory.

Having a Gold Star Families Memorial in the East Bay would help ensure that future generations never forget that when a service member is laid to rest, the families they leave behind carry the burden of honoring their service. This Hayward memorial would serve as an important local tribute and reminder that freedom is not free, but comes at a great cost.

I wish those seeking to erect such a memorial in Hayward all the best in their endeavor. Their cause is one worthy of the support of our community.

Sincerely,



Eric Swalwell
Member of Congress