Calls Sergeant Jeremy R. McQueary Of Columbus An "American Hero"

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Mike Pence paid tribute today to Sergeant Jeremy R. McQueary, USMC, of Columbus who died on February 18, 2010 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

"Sergeant Jeremy R. McQueary is an American hero and his passing is a profound loss for his family, this community and this nation.

"The people of the United States and Afghanistan will never be able to pay the debt of honor and respect owed to Sergeant Jeremy McQueary, who gave his life in defense of our freedom.

"Were it not for the courage of patriots like Sgt. McQueary, freedom and democracy would exist only in theory. It is because heroes like Sgt. McQueary answer the call of duty that we have a foundation upon which to build a better world.

"Our prayers and condolences are with his family, friends and loved ones as they mourn the loss of this American hero."