Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King released the following statement after honoring deceased veteran Vern Sullivan by presenting his children with medals for his service. King met Vern Sullivan on July 21, 2012 when he stopped into Sully's Bait Shop and Tackle, owned and operated by Sullivan. He expressed to the Congressman that he did not have the medals he earned while serving in the Vietnam War. King and his staff immediately began researching Sullivan's case in order to obtain the medals. Before Sullivan's medals could be identified however, he passed away unexpectedly. His children received his military medals posthumously.

"It was an honor to recognize Vern Sullivan for his service in the Vietnam War and to show his children how grateful we are for his service," said King. "When I met Vern I was struck by his patriotism and deep devotion to this country. He understood the importance of this nation, and he embodied what makes us great. There are thousands of unrecognized soldiers- honoring Sully symbolizes our respect for all unrecognized warriors."

*Behind every soldier decorated with military honors, there are a hundred anonymous heroes, some of them greater.*
**Erik Hazelhoff Roelfzema**

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