Lincoln, NE -- Congressman Jeff Fortenberry today released the following statement regarding the deaths of 30 American service members, whose transport helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan by the Taliban. Twenty-two of the casualties were members of a Navy SEAL unit.

"Like most Americans, my heart breaks for these service members and their families. Fighting a world away, they gave their lives to make a difference--for each of us, for America's security, and for all who believe in stopping the forces of barbarism. We will never forget their heroism; we will forever honor their sacrifice. Their deaths are a solemn reminder of the great danger still faced by America's sons and daughters in Afghanistan."

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