Washington, D.C. – Congressman Kevin McCarthy issued the following statement in recognition of Memorial Day. The video and transcript are below:

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"America continues to be a beacon of freedom and democracy in the world, but we must never lose sight of why. The liberty we enjoy every single day is directly due to the selfless service of the countless men and women who have given their time, and too often their lives, to protect and defend our great nation. This Memorial Day has added significance as we recognize the tremendous work of those in our military and intelligence community that brought justice to Osama Bin Laden. I want to thank all those in our communities and around the nation who have served and are currently serving, and I pray for the safety and well-being of those who are away from their families and in harm's way on this holiday. On this Memorial Day, I encourage everyone to reflect on the sacrifices that have allowed us to live our lives as we do, and to thank a veteran for it."