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Rokita: Purdue Alumnus Neil Armstrong was an American Legend, Hero to Fellow Aviators

U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita today issued the following statement on the death of Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon. Armstrong was an alumnus of Purdue University, in the district Rokita represents in Congress.

“Like all Hoosiers, I was sad to hear of the passing of Neil Armstrong, a graduate of Purdue and a true American legend. As an aviator myself, I’ve always looked up to him as a hero because of his achievements and his service to our country. His life showed a willingness to sacrifice for others above himself - something that has always made America exceptional,” said Rokita.

Rokita is a commercial-rated pilot. He routinely puts his training to charitable use by [flying medically-related non-emergency flights](#) for those who are in need through the Angel Flight program and Veterans Airlift Command.