

# Speaker Ryan: Statement on Secretary Mattis' service to our country

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**WASHINGTON—House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) released the following statement on Secretary of Defense James N. Mattis:**

*“Secretary Mattis has served our country with honor, bravery, and integrity. With our country’s defense in his hands, we have become a safer America at home, and a more commanding force abroad. His patriotism and grit are matched only by his humility and graciousness. I have been deeply honored to work alongside him to rebuild our military, and to support our men and women in uniform. The House is indebted to Secretary Mattis for his service.”*