



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Celebrates General Mills' 150th Birthday

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REP. TOM EMMER:

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 150th birthday of a fantastic Minnesota company, General Mills. In 1866, Cadwallader Washburn started a mill that would eventually become General Mills. Located on the mighty Mississippi, the mill was the largest mill west of the Mississippi, causing the locals to name it the Pride of Minneapolis. Throughout the years, the company flourished, even through the hardest of times. During the Great Depression, while many other companies went under, General Mills thrived, creating popular products like Kicks and Bisquick. General Mills not only succeeded during these times, but extended a helping hand when it was needed. During World War II, 9 out of 10 employees worked on projects so vital to the war effort that armed guards patrolled the company. Today, General Mills successfully markets many popular brands like Betty Crocker and Haagen-Dazs, creating jobs and making a major contribution to the great state of Minnesota in this country. I would like to thank General Mills for feeding the nation and wish them a happy 150th birthday. Here is to 150 more years of success.

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