



# Rep. Tom Emmer on Majority Whip Tom Emmer gives floor speech remembering Minnesota Representative Dick Burrell

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## **\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor to honor the memory of Minnesota State Representative Dick Burrell who passed away suddenly earlier this year. Dick was not just a loving family man but also a successful businessman and a true patriot. Raised in Waverly, Minnesota, he went on to serve our nation in the Marine Corps and earned his degree from Minnesota State Mankato. Dick had a Midas touch when it came to business. Everything he touched seemed to turn to gold. He ran his business for over 20 years and was often found working overtime or on weekends shoulder-to-shoulder on the production lines with his employees. In fact, Dick was at his warehouse working just three days before he passed away. When not at work, Dick loved flying and sharing countless adventures with his wife, Patti, usually from their backyard runway, which he used with his plane. He even spent time flying around the state with me during my campaign for governor, which I'll never forget. Dick was passionate about politics. He preceded me in the Minnesota House of Representatives, was an active member of the Wright County Republicans, and was never shy about sharing his thoughts about what's coming out of Washington. He was a leader in our community. Dick Burrell touched the lives of thousands of Minnesotans. To his wife, Patti, and the rest of the Burrell family, we offer our most sincere condolences and we will always remember our friend Dick and a life well lived.

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