



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer's Life Advice to Graduates

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** With graduation just around the corner for many in the 6th District, it seemed like the appropriate time to answer a letter from Willie at Lima Lakes. Willie wrote in a number of great life advice questions, ending with, how does a kid from suburban St. Paul become a congressman in Washington? Well Willie, I didn't necessarily grow up with political aspirations. I loved history and I studied political science in college. But I also played hockey in college, and in fact, I wanted to play hockey after college. But then I met my wife. As soon as I met Jackie, it was love at first sight and I knew immediately she was the girl that I was going to marry. Of course, that meant it was time to get serious about my life. We were married while I worked construction and then I attended law school at night. We started a family and we've been blessed with 7 children, 6 boys and 1 incredible daughter. And as most Minnesotans do, we became very involved in our community. I coached the kids baseball and hockey teams, I was chairman of the finance council at church, and then one day I decided to run for a city council seat. And now 20 years later, here I am. That's the story Willie, so the answer to your question, in short, live your life. Be involved, be an active participant in your community, not a witness. Be the best you can be and your path will reveal itself, just like mine did. Thanks again for the letter Willie. Also, if you're interested in applying for a semester internship in our Minnesota or D.C. offices, please visit our website. For more videos like this, and for information about our upcoming online town hall, visit emmer.house.gov/slash/asktom. Thanks and have a great weekend.

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