



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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