



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Promotes the 2016 Congressional App Challenge

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Hello, everyone. I'm standing here today at a technology company in Andover, Minnesota, and I'm excited to announce that our office will once again be participating in the Congressional App Challenge. The Congressional App Challenge is an annual competition that invites students to compete against their peers in creating a one-of-a-kind software application, otherwise known as an app, for mobile, tablet, or other computing devices. Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, also known as STEM, these skills are becoming increasingly more important to the success of the United States. Our country has always been a world leader in these fields, constantly exploring new horizons and pioneering new opportunities, and the state of Minnesota has definitely played a role. As a result of our past leadership in the STEM areas, America has made astounding accomplishments, like the Apollo moon landing and becoming the first in flight. That's why Congress established this challenge in 2013 as a way to encourage students to engage in critical STEM skills. I wanted to let you know about the competition here on this site to give you an idea of what can be achieved if you do the work and excel in STEM fields. Engineered apps, like the ones right here at this facility, handle the programming that moves complex machines, like the one behind me. They also guide the construction of some of the most sophisticated systems that move our society forward. The possibilities are absolutely unlimited, which is why I strongly encourage you to grab a friend and begin brainstorming ideas for this app challenge today. This competition is open to any student in high school and students have the option of participating either independently or in groups of up to four. There's so much left to explore, so much left to discover, and to create, which is why it's so crucial that all of you, the generation of tomorrow, embrace and improve your STEM skills. Minnesota's 6th District is home to so many talented students and incredible businesses, and I can't wait to see what you come up with. To learn more about the rules and guidelines of this challenge, visit emmer.house.gov/slash/appchallenge or call our office at 202-225-2331. Good luck!

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