



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Thanks Senator Julianne Ortman

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Senator Julianne Ortman for her years of dedicated service in the Minnesota Senate. Following her time practicing law and as a county commissioner, Julianne Ortman was first elected to the Minnesota Senate in 2002. Her talent quickly became apparent as she rose to various leadership positions. Senator Ortman served as an assistant minority leader during the 2007-08 legislative session and during the 2011-2012 session, she served as deputy majority leader and as chairwoman of the Senate Tax Committee. Of the many issues Senator Ortman championed, tax, transportation, judiciary, and public safety were among her highest priorities. During her time as chairwoman of the Senate Tax Committee, the state government had a \$5 billion deficit, which they eventually managed to eliminate without raising taxes on hard-working Minnesotans, evidence of Senator Ortman's strong leadership. Thank you, Julianne, for your service and for all that you have done for Minnesota. Thank you for your leadership.

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