



## Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Celebrates Fathers Day

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

\*\* Hello everyone, Congressman Tom Emmer here. Today is Father's Day, and I want to take a little time to talk about what the day means to me. My father has been my hero ever since I was a young boy. He personifies everything that I aspire to be, and even today, he's the model for how I live my life. Some of my best memories as a child include my father teaching me how to skate or sitting in a boat with my brother and my sister on Lake Mille Lacs for the fishing openers. My father expected a lot from me. He wanted me to be kind, work hard in school, and give back to the community. My dad never missed a hockey game, a baseball game, a football game, or any major event in my life. He and my mother made me who I am today. I use the many lessons my own father taught me while raising my children. He taught me by example how to respect and honor my wife. In fact, he and my mother have provided an incredible example, having just celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary last weekend. I've been blessed with seven children, six sons, and one beautiful daughter. Without a doubt, they're the best gift I have ever received, and the role of being a father is the most important job I've ever been trusted with. While my own father inspired me to be the best I can be, my children inspire me to try to make the world a better place. My children are, in fact, the reason that I ran for office in the first place. I saw major issues in our state and in our nation that needed to be addressed, and I knew that I wanted to be part of leaving this place in a better condition than I found it, leaving better opportunities for my children's generation and generations to come. I want them to inherit a country where they can fulfill their dreams and raise their own families in a peaceful and prosperous society. I'm so thankful for everything my children have brought to my life. I want to wish all of the fathers out there a happy Father's Day. I'm going to spend it with my kids. I hope you're going to get a chance to spend it with yours. By the way, if you have a personal story about your father, funny or sentimental, be sure to share it below because all fathers should be celebrated publicly today. Thanks and have a great Father's Day.

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