



## Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Thanks Jason Falconer For His Bravery During A Time Of Crisis

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

\*\* Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and thank a true American hero, Jason Faulconer, for his bravery during a time of grave crisis in Minnesota. This past weekend, terror struck our community when an attacker, whom the Islamic State took responsibility for, stepped into the Crossroads Center Mall in St. Cloud with an evil intention to kill innocent Minnesotans. The targets of this malicious plan were parents and their children, college students taking a break from their studies, and mall employees, all of whom found themselves suddenly trapped in a horrible nightmare. This cowardly attacker had already stabbed 10 victims and may have succeeded in taking life if it were not for the heroic actions of an off-duty Avon police officer, Jason Faulconer, who confronted and shot the attacker terrorist before he could do more harm. Mr. Speaker, words cannot adequately express the gratitude those of us in my state have for Jason Faulconer. He stepped in when he was needed most, and he protected those around him without even the slightest hesitation or concern for his own safety. During such troubling times, it is a comfort to know that there are true heroes like Jason Faulconer among us. Thank you, Jason, and God bless you. I yield back.

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