



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Recognizes Judge Richard Leo Kelly

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Judge Richard Leo Kelly on a lifetime of distinction and service to this nation. Born in Marshall, Minnesota, Judge Kelly is a veteran of the Navy and served on the USS Noah and USS Willard Keith. Judge Kelly attended St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, where his role as the football team's starting quarterback earned him the nickname Golden Arm. He went on to graduate in the top five of his class from the St. Paul College of Law. After practicing law for over two decades in St. Paul and Springfield, Minnesota, he was elected to the Fifth District judgeship. He held that office for 17 years and was elected chief judge twice. Throughout his tenure on the bench, Judge Kelly was known for his fairness, consistency, and courteous nature in keeping with the highest ideals of public service. In 1998, Governor Arne Carlson declared June 27th to be Judge Richard L. Kelly Day, a time to practice and honor the principles that Judge Kelly embodies. Judge Kelly and his wife, Mary, are residents of Minnesota's 6th Congressional District. It is an honor to serve them in Congress. They serve as a testament of dedication to service and honor, a mission that their seven children, many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren have carried on because of Judge Kelly and Mary's exemplary lives. Thank you for your lifetime of work to our state and nation, Judge. I yield back.

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