



Rep. Tom Emmer on House Floor Tribute

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REP. TOM EMMER:

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Stacey Manning from Zimmerman, Minnesota. Stacey tragically passed away earlier this year, leaving behind a legacy of compassion and support for Minnesota families working through the process of adoption. Stacey and her husband, Pat, had three children of their own when they decided to adopt three more. While working to meet the challenges that adoption can bring with a family of six, Stacey realized that other adoptive parents were experiencing many of the same challenges. Stacey wanted to help, so she established Hope Connections, a support network designed to connect with families for adoption coaching and education. Stacey's work touched the lives of thousands of families across this country. This week, Stacey's family is in Washington to honor her memory and receive the Angels in Adoption Award that Stacey earned for the work she believed in so deeply. Stacey may no longer be with us, but her spirit and Hope Connections mission lives on through her son Andrew, who continues her legacy in assisting those experiencing the challenges that adoption can bring. Stacey, your impact on so many Minnesotans will never be forgotten.

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