



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Celebrates Small Business Week

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** Hello, everyone, Tom Emmer here. Last week was Small Business Week in Washington, D.C., so I wanted to take a couple of minutes to praise the outstanding entrepreneurial spirit of this great nation. After my great-grandfather moved to Minnesota, he started a lumber business that several generations of Emmers have been involved in now over the years. Growing up around the lumber business and eventually starting my own business allowed me to understand the amount of blood, sweat, and tears it takes to run a successful business. You learn very quickly what it's like to work seven days a week and give a paycheck to everyone in the business but yourself. You learn what it's like to take a risk, not knowing whether or not it's going to pay off in the end, but knowing that you're going to give everything you've got to be successful. One of the many reasons why Minnesota is such a fantastic place to live is because of the many hard-working entrepreneurs who do take a risk. A risk that brings commerce, jobs, and good products to communities across our state. Small businesses are the true driver of our economy. Remember, today's small business is tomorrow's big business, and it's these businesses, especially the small ones, that make each city or town in our state so unique. Minnesota's 6th District in particular is home to many great businesses, and over the years I've had the pleasure of meeting many of their owners. This week, in fact, they gave a speech on the House floor to recognize and congratulate one business in Minnesota that very recently celebrated their 100th anniversary of operation. Burnick's in St. Cloud started out as a small family-owned business. It was passed down from one generation to the next and became the booming company it is today with hundreds of employees. Burnick's story is a successful one and a huge inspiration. When I took office, one of the top priorities in our office was to address the excessive taxes and the overly burdensome and overwhelming regulation in this country and try to work towards creating policies that will help small business owners succeed. Small businesses, again, are the foundation of this nation. They create jobs and they grow our economy, yet they have to face and overcome so many obstacles. The current administration has grown government, raised taxes, and imposed policies that cause many small businesses to struggle unnecessarily. It's crucial that in the 114th Congress and the years ahead, we work to reform these policies and show entrepreneurs across the country that America is open for business. Again, I want to thank not only the small businesses for what they've contributed to our communities, but I also want to pledge our continued support for what you're trying to accomplish. Thank you.

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