



Rep. Tom Emmer on House Floor Tribute

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Reverend Gordon Gordy Grimm, who passed away last month at the age of 86. Reverend Grimm was an ordained Lutheran minister and a leader in the field of addiction recovery in Minnesota. Through his work with the Hazelden Foundation, he pioneered the Minnesota Model of Treatment, which revolutionized addiction treatment and brought dignity to recovering alcoholics and addicts. Reverend Grimm's work was recognized on the national stage. President Ronald Reagan selected him as part of the White House Conference for a Drug-Free America. He also served as a goodwill ambassador in Minnesota alongside First Ladies Betty Ford and Rosalind Carter at the United States Capitol. Reverend Grimm was known not only for his work, but for his kindness. A colleague described him as a man with, quote, no sharp elbows, only open arms. His life's work touched so many in need. We offer our condolences to his wife, Esther, his three children, John, Mary, and Jim, and the many who knew and were impacted by Reverend Gordon. Gordy, your legacy lives on through your family and all the people you helped. Thank you for a life well lived.

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