



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Congratulates Gopi Ramanathan

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate one of Minnesota's best and brightest, Sartell High School senior Gopi Ramanathan, who was recently named a 2016 Presidential Scholar. Every year, up to 161 students can be named Presidential Scholars, making it one of the highest awards a high school student can receive. It's safe to say this achievement has gone to an incredibly deserving scholar. Gopi has had an exceptionally successful high school career, and his resume includes a very long list of accolades and achievements. He is a two-time champion of the Minnesota State Geography Bee, and he was a captain of the United States team that took first place at the 2013 National Geographic World Geography Bee. Additionally, he is a member of the National Honor Society, a Big Brother mentor, a member of the Student Council, the President of the Minnesota Association of Student Councils, and a member of the Sartell soccer team. Perhaps most notably, Gopi earned a perfect score of 36 on his ACT's, an accomplishment that puts him in the top one-tenth of the 1% of students across this country. It's an honor to recognize a student of such distinction here today, and I can say with absolute certainty that we will see more great things to come from this young man in the future.

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