



Rep. Tom Emmer on House Floor Tribute

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Thank you to my colleague from Minnesota. Madam Speaker, I too rise today to honor our dear friend, Congressman Jim Hagedorn. It's amazing that in this day and age, with all of our differences, Minnesotans, proud Minnesotans, regardless of our political perspective, can stand together in memory of one of our great colleagues, and we thank everybody in this chamber for doing the same. It's fitting that we hold this tribute on the House floor. I never saw Jim more proud than when he was here in this chamber representing the state of Minnesota and the communities that he loves so much. Jim showed us the best of Minnesota. Born in Blue Earth, as Betty told you, he was born in 1962 and he grew up on his family's farm near Truman, Minnesota. The son of a former Minnesota Congressman, Tom Hagedorn, Jim was raised with a lifelong commitment to serve. After graduating from George Mason University, Jim followed in his father's footsteps and pursued a life of public service. He began his career, again, as Representative McCollum said, Betty, as a staffer to Minnesota's Representative Arlen Stanglin, and then he went on to work for the U.S. Treasury and Bureau of Engraving and Printing before finally being elected to the House of Representatives in 2018. During his time in the House, Jim served the First District of Minnesota every day with unwavering passion and a positive attitude that brightened the halls of Congress and brought the best of Blue Earth to Washington. We will all miss Jim dearly and we pray for his family during this difficult time, and I yield back.

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