



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Honors SJU Basketball Coach Jim Smith

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****HOUSE SPEAKER:**

** The gentleman from Minnesota is recognized for one minute.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in honor of Jim Smith, the longtime coach of St. John's University's basketball team. Coach Smith just completed his 51st season as the winningest college basketball coach at any level in Minnesota history. Nationwide, he's ranked 14th in the NCAA with a career record of 786 wins and 556 losses. His legacy lives beyond the statistics as well. Beloved both on the court and in the greater Collegeville community, Coach Smith is known for being inspiring, competitive, and one of the friendliest people you'd have the pleasure of meeting. This legendary coach leaves behind big shoes to fill. Thank you for everything you've done, Coach Smith. Enjoy your retirement. I yield back.

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