



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Celebrates the Extraordinary Life of Ray Christensen

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and career of a legendary Minnesotan who passed away just last week. Ray Christensen was a renowned sportscaster in the North Star State and best known for his radio play-by-play for the Minnesota Golden Gophers. A native-born Minnesotan, Ray grew up in Minneapolis and bravely served our country in World War II. After returning from the war, Ray attended the University of Minnesota where he lettered in baseball. Upon graduation, Ray began his career announcing Gopher football games for WCCO in 1951 and basketball games in 1956. Ray worked for WCCO as a sportscaster until 2001 and was inducted into the Minnesota Broadcast Hall of Fame in 2002. Ray was the voice that we all grew up with. His voice was the one that we listened to every game day and Minnesota athletics will certainly not be the same without him. I speak for all Minnesotans when I say that he will truly be missed.

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