



Rep. Tom Emmer on House Floor Tribute

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of St. Cloud State University President Earl Potter, who was tragically killed in a car accident last night. Earl was one of Minnesota's best and brightest educators, and he dedicated his entire life to this nation's students, most recently serving Minnesota's 6th District at St. Cloud State University. Earl brought innovation and positive change to St. Cloud State over the past decade, preparing his students for life after college. Not only was Earl Potter committed to the students within the St. Cloud community, but he dedicated his time and energy to serving the greater St. Cloud community and Minnesota as a whole. Earl served on the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, United Way of Central Minnesota Board of Directors, Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation, and the Minnesota National Guard Senior Advisory Task Force, among many others. Earl's service extended well beyond the borders of our great state of Minnesota, as well his service on nearly a dozen national academic boards. He was passionate about the universities he represented, the students he served, and the communities in which he lived. We have suffered a huge loss in the St. Cloud community, and my deepest condolences go out to Earl's wife, Christine, their children and grandchildren, and their loved ones across the country. The work that Earl has done for our community will be his living legacy. I yield back.

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