



Rep. Tom Emmer on Congressman Emmer thanks Tammy Biery and Career Solutions on the House Floor

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REP. TOM EMMER:

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Tammy Beery, the Executive Director of the Employment Agency Career Solutions. Electrolux had a long legacy in our home state, employing Minnesotans since 1946. In 1998, the plant produced 75% of all freezers sold in the United States. In 2018, the business was St. Cloud's 8th largest employer, with nearly 900 employees. However, a year later, Electrolux consolidated their freezer production to South Carolina. Despite our efforts and the efforts of the community urging Electrolux to reconsider, approximately 760 employees faced layoffs. To support these workers who faced separation from employment, Tammy and her employment agency, Career Solutions, went to work. After receiving an award from the state-dislocated worker project, Career Solutions offered career counseling, on-the-job training, and interview coaching to 513 former Electrolux employees. By the end of 2020, 159 of those trainees were gainfully employed. Thanks to the work of Tammy and Career Solutions, St. Cloud was able to weather the largest layoff in our community's history. Thank you, Tammy.

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