



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Honors MN Small Business Person of the Year

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REP. TOM EMMER:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in honor of Jim Cruise and Melissa Kelly of JF Cruise Jewelers in St. Cloud, Minnesota. They have been named the Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Last year, the St. Cloud area chamber honored them as well as the Small Business of the Year. Jim Cruise opened JF Cruise 15 years ago. From humble beginnings using second-hand jewelry cases to a newly built facility and a team of 17 people, the father-daughter duo built a dynamic business that has seen steady growth year after year. Family-run businesses like JF Cruise are the backbone of Central Minnesota, and I know I speak for everyone when I say congratulations and good luck in competing for the national title. And I yield back.

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