



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Congratulates Minnesota Hockey Coaches of the Year

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** Mr. Speaker, many years ago, an outstanding coach from my home state of Minnesota once said, I learned early on that you do not put greatness into people, but somehow try to pull it out. That coach was Herb Brooks, who led Team USA to victory at the 1980 Olympics. Minnesota is home to many outstanding coaches who carry on the legacy of Coach Brooks every day. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two of my district's incredible coaches for receiving awards from the Minnesota Hockey Coaches Association. St. Michael Albertville High School's Jeremiah Johnson achieved the AA John Mariucci Head Coach of the Year award, and Andover High School's Brett Barta received the Assistant Coach of the Year award. In Minnesota, we treat the sport of hockey as a lifestyle, and our youth coaches spend a lot of time with our young people. I'm proud that coaches like Coach Johnson and Coach Barta are carrying on the legacy of Minnesota legends like John Mariucci and Herb Brooks and pulling the greatness of young athletes every day. Thank you, Jeremiah and Brett, for passing on lessons in perseverance, integrity, and the great game of hockey to the next generation.

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