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RECOGNIZING PATTI GARTLAND

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career of Patti Gartland. Patti is retiring this May from her role as president of the Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation.

Patti has led the Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation (GSDC) for the past 10 years. During that time, she oversaw the considerable economic expansion of the Greater St. Cloud region. Part of her efforts to increase the visibility of the area included the launch of GreaterStCloudJobSpot.com, a local job board that is updated daily with thousands of local jobs. She was also integral to the development of St. Cloud Shines, a digital marketing initiative that has attracted more than 170 million impressions online.

Before joining the GSDC, Patti served as the city administrator for Sartell for nearly 12 years, where she helped coordinate emergency response efforts following the tragic paper mill explosion. Prior to that, Patti worked for the City of St. Cloud for 15 years, the last 13 of which she served as the city's planning director. Since 2014, Patti has been a member

of the Metropolitan Airports Commission, serving as its vice chair. In this role, she has continued to advocate for our community and was partially responsible for creating the St. Cloud Regional Airport Authority, expanding service to our region.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Patti for many years. I thank Patti, for the incredible impact she has had on the Greater St. Cloud region. On behalf of Minnesota's Sixth Congressional District, I wish her all the best and hope she enjoys her well-deserved retirement.