

***Honors local Chamber for 100 years of service promoting opportunity, small business growth, and community involvement in the Winona area***

Winona, MN—Today, Congressman Tim Walz joined the Winona Area Chamber of Commerce in celebrating a century of promoting opportunity, small business growth, and community involvement in the Winona area. Walz commemorated the Winona Chamber’s momentous achievement with a [speech on the House floor](#) and a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol.

**“While the last 100 years have seen many changes, one constant in the Winona community has been the Chamber,”** said Walz. **“Since its inception the Winona Area Chamber of Commerce has been working to ensure local small business owners have the tools they need to succeed and I’m honored to be here today to help commemorate this tremendous achievement. Here’s to another 100 years of promoting opportunity, small business growth, and community involvement in Winona.”**

**“On behalf of the Winona Area Chamber of Commerce, it is an honor to receive this recognition of our centennial from Congressman Tim Walz,”** said Della Schmidt, President of the Winona Area Chamber of Commerce. “

**We appreciate Congressman Walz’s support in working to ensure the local business community is thriving.”**

Even before the U.S. Chamber was formed in 1912, the innovative people of Winona had the foresight to establish their own local association of community and business leaders. Members of the local business association were present in Washington D.C. on April 22, 1912 to participate in the establishment of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, making the Winona Area Chamber of Commerce founding members of the national association.

Walz looks forward to continuing his work with the local Chamber, promoting opportunity, small business growth, and community involvement in the Winona Area.

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