

of survivors and victims as a volunteer at ORM's Emergency Department.

His journey with The Center began in 2017 as a volunteer. A year later, he was hired on as The Center Kissimmee's HIV coordinator. In 2022, Jorge was promoted to his current role managing The Center Kissimmee. During his tenure, Jorge has been instrumental in the growth of The Center Kissimmee, providing a sex-positive safe space for HIV and HEP-C testing for underrepresented communities, including those with limited English proficiency. He is committed to breaking barriers to testing by providing services during non-traditional hours to accommodate the needs of the community. Under his watch, HIV testing at The Center Kissimmee has grown from an average of 200 tests annually to more than 700 tests annually.

Jorge's service includes collaboration with the Osceola County Health Department on numerous events, including hosting a vaccination drive for Monkeypox and other communicable diseases, as well as community health fairs, including co-hosting Osceola County's first World AIDS Day Health Fair in 2021 and again in 2022. Additional partnerships stewarded by Jorge include those with Club Orlando, Valencia College, the City of Kissimmee, Kissimmee Main Street, Harmony Healthcare Orlando, and Walmart Pharmacy.

JOSEPH "JOEY" KNOLL

Joseph "Joey" Knoll (he/him) is the founder and president of SPEKTRUM Health, a charitable community-based health center that caters to the LGBTQIA+ community in Orlando, Florida. He has a wealth of experience working in a variety of healthcare practice settings with over 20 years of nursing experience. Starting as a nursing assistant in New York at the age of 16, he worked his way up the nursing ladder to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN), then a registered nurse (RN), and ultimately a nurse practitioner (NP). One of his favorite roles was as a nursing instructor, teaching pharmacology classes for 10 years. He has additional formal training and experience in health policy, risk management, and health law. He also served on the executive board of the Florida Association of Nurse Practitioners (FLANP) for eight years. Clinically, he specializes in LGBT primary care with a special focus on mental health management, HIV treatment and prevention, STD treatment and prevention, and gender-affirming care for transgender individuals. He is also an active member of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH). Nursing and advocacy are at the heart of everything he does, and he believes all humans deserve equal quality and affirming healthcare in all settings. For fun, he enjoys the beach, sun, sand, and water. Though Joey does not have any human children, he is happy to have two four-legged companions, Kimber and Speck.

SVETLANA "LANA" DUNN

Svetlana "Lana" Dunn (she/her) is the chief operating officer for SPEKTRUM Health, a charitable community-based health center that caters to the LGBTQIA+ community in Orlando, Florida. Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, Lana's early experiences as a transgender woman struggling to understand her own place in the world helped shape her deep empathy and passion for social justice. Lana's advocacy efforts extend far beyond her role at SPEKTRUM Health. She is a promi-

nent voice in the fight for transgender equality, advocating for policy changes, increased awareness, and improved healthcare practices at both the state and national levels. Recognizing the importance of collaboration and inclusivity, Lana actively engages with community members, patients, and advocacy groups to ensure their voices are heard and their needs are met. She firmly believes in the power of education and empowerment, working tirelessly to promote transgender rights, mental health support, and access to gender-affirming healthcare services. She believes in the healing power of art and creativity and often channels her passion into various artistic endeavors. Through her multifaceted approach to life and work, Lana inspires others to embrace their authentic selves and create a world where transgender individuals are celebrated and supported without discrimination. Lana's unwavering commitment to transgender equality and her exceptional leadership at SPEKTRUM Health have made a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals. Her tireless dedication and advocacy continue to drive positive change, shaping a more inclusive and equitable future for the LGBTQIA+ community in Orlando and beyond.

TATIANA QUIROGA

Tatiana Quiroga (she/ella) is a committed and seasoned leader with 20 years of experience in diversity and inclusion, pragmatic planning, and working in the nonprofit sector. She is an enthusiastic activist for the LGBTQIA+ and Latinx community who has held various advocacy roles. Most recently, she has been appointed as the first executive director for Come Out with Pride, Inc. Prior, she was the director of family equity & diversity with Family Equality, a national nonprofit advocating for LGBTQIA+ families. In addition, Tatiana also serves on the board of directors for Zebra Youth as co-chair. She earned her Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling from Rollins College, a certificate in diversity, equity, and inclusion from Cornell University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Central Florida. Originally from La Paz, Bolivia, Tatiana immigrated to the U.S. and is a strong advocate for social justice, racial and gender equity, and the LGBTQIA+ movement. She lives in the Orlando area with her wife and two kiddos.

HONORING THE TENURE OF
I.I.A.B.A. CHAIRMAN JOHN R.
COSTELLO

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 30, 2023

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. John R. Costello for his exceptional tenure as the 117th Chairman of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America.

A native of Rochester, New York, Mr. Costello graduated from Bishop Kearney High School before attending Villanova University and earning a B.B.A. in Finance. Shortly after his graduation in 1977, he began his career in insurance and spent the next five decades dedicated to serving the industry and those seeking its services. Currently, Mr. Costello is a partner at USI Insurance Services in Niagara Falls, New York.

First elected to the leadership team of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America, or I.I.A.B.A., in 2016, Mr. Costello was elevated to the organization's chairmanship in September of 2022. Founded in 1986, the I.I.A.B.A. is the country's largest and longest-operating national association of independent insurance agents and brokers. Over the past year, Mr. Costello has done a remarkable job guiding the association as a strong and thoughtful leader for independent insurance agents and small businesses across the country. His nearly half a century of service to the insurance industry has impacted thousands of lives, both locally and nationally. In addition to his association leadership, Mr. Costello is active in the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors and the Insurance Risk Management Institute.

Throughout his career, Mr. Costello also dedicated himself to giving back to his community, volunteering for a plethora of local organizations. To name only a few, he served as the Chairman of the Board of Bishop Kearney High School, a board member and past president of Sunset House Hospice Facility, a vice chair and treasurer of OASIS Adaptive Sports, and a former director and current member of the National Ski Patrol at Bristol Mountain. Both as a member of his community and the Chairman of the I.I.A.B.A., Mr. Costello has worked dutifully to improve the lives of those around him and ensure their highest potential could be achieved.

I am honored to recognize the extraordinary career of Mr. John R. Costello and his successful term as the 117th Chairman of the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America.

CELEBRATING FARMINGTON HILLS
UPON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 30, 2023

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the city of Farmington Hills, and to recognize its contributions to the state of Michigan. Farmington Hills is a haven for a diverse community, for children of all ages, and for growth and justice. Over a hundred years before it became a city, Farmington Township and the Village of Farmington lived next to each other in harmony as a farming community that made its mark on Michigan history.

Farmington received its name from its first settler, Arthur Power, who hailed from Farmington, New York. Power and Dr. Ezekiel Webb helped develop the community by starting families and creating a post office, a physician's office, and school. Together, they developed a small, strong farming community that slowly grew more businesses and traditions. Power spread his Quaker religious teachings to his son, Nathan, and imbued in him respect for all humans regardless of race. Nathan Power went on to serve as President of the Oakland County Antislavery Society. As a result of Nathan Power's leadership, Farmington became a key stop on the Underground Railroad and a channel for formerly enslaved individuals to travel to Detroit and Canada. Other famous abolitionists that spent time in Farmington in the 1800s include Laura Haviland, J.S.T. Milligan, and Sojourner Truth.

The city was also a part of a secret attack by the Japanese during World War II known as Operation Fu-Go, which launched over 9,000 hydrogen balloons that failed to explode over the U.S. and Canada. One of these balloons was found near 8 Mile and Gill roads in Farmington in 1945. The balloon started a small, short-lived fire in an open lot near the home of the Hedt's family and looked like a bonfire. At the instruction of the American government, the Farmington community and media stayed quiet about this attack until a few months later. In true patriotic fashion, Farmington contributed many of its dedicated

community members to the war effort, including Army Private Alfred Ricke who was recently identified after being considered Missing In Action for the past 78 years.

Farmington Township and the Village of Farmington began on their journey to join together and become a city in the 1970s, and the Township incorporated in May of 1973 to become the City of Farmington Hills. Becoming a city put Farmington Hills on the map, literally and figuratively. It brought in new business, more people, and inspired development. In the last fifty years, the City of Farmington Hills has grown from a simple farming commu-

nity to one of the most diverse, populous, and safe cities in the state of Michigan.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to represent the City of Farmington Hills, Michigan, a community that represents true Michigan spirit and unique culture. This city's strong history represents the core values that make this a wonderful place to live, and it makes the 11th Congressional District proud. Their contributions to this state and this country have not gone unnoticed, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating their 50 years of being the city of Farmington Hills, a place and a people that make us a stronger nation.