

He immediately began CPR on the runner for roughly five minutes. His quick response helped the runner regain a pulse, ultimately saving his life.

During the emotional ordeal, Dan missed seeing his fiancée cross the finish line, but he told a local news outlet that if he had to do it all over again, he would still jump in to help.

For his heroic actions, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to Dan and members of the Akron Fire Department for answering the call to help a neighbor in need. Dan is a shining example of why Ohio's 13th Congressional District is known as the "Birthplace of Champions."

HONORING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2025*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, with tremendous pride, I rise today to honor the founding of the United States Marine Corps nearly 250 years ago.

On November 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia passed a resolution stating that two Battalions of Marines be raised for service as landing forces with the fleet.

This resolution established the Continental Marines and marked the birth date of the United States Marine Corps.

For 250 years, the United States Marine Corps has embodied the American spirit, fighting to preserve our collective future with every victory. The year-long commemoration of this milestone anniversary celebrates a legacy of honor, courage, and commitment to our country.

As history records, the Marine Corps stands ever ready to continue in the proud tradition of those who so valiantly fought and died at Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima, the Chosin Reservoir, and Khe Sanh.

In the spirit of Semper Fidelis, the Marines have demonstrated steadfast loyalty and continually worked to help our Nation become that more perfect Union. Once again, our brave men and women in uniform remind us of what unites us all.

On behalf of everyone in the 13th Congressional District, I salute the United States Marine Corps on its 250th anniversary and express gratitude for unparalleled service and sacrifice, security and protection.

RECOGNIZING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF CARMICHAEL RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

**HON. AMI BERA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2025*

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carmichael Recreation and Park District on their 80th Anniversary. Through their mission, they have provided valuable community resources that have enriched the lives of its residents.

Starting in 1945, Carmichael Park and Recreation District acquired its first land parcel that went on to become their flagship park, Carmichael Park. After further land acquisitions between 1971 and 1990, the district now includes 12 additional park sites.

Parks in the district are major community hubs that include playgrounds, dog parks, ball fields, tennis and pickleball courts, as well as community gathering spaces. With their wide variety of outdoor spaces, the parks attract thousands of visitors every year.

Over their 80 years of service, the Carmichael Recreation and Park District has successfully maintained its parks and facilities through many challenges. They continue to provide exceptional recreation experiences and will continue to do so for many years to come.

I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing this day as the Carmichael Recreation and Park District's 80th Anniversary and thank them for their dedication to their community and its residents.

HONORING THE MILESTONE OF THE CALIFORNIA WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE ON ITS 50TH

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2025*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 50th Anniversary of California Women for Agriculture.

Founded in 1975 in the Coachella Valley, this remarkable organization has become a powerful voice for women in agriculture throughout California. What began as a small group of farmers, ranchers, and consumers united by a shared commitment to agriculture has grown into a statewide movement dedicated to education, advocacy, and community engagement.

For five decades, California Women for Agriculture has built a proud legacy of supporting both the industry and the people who sustain it. Programs such as Ag Venture, which introduces community leaders to the crops and challenges of farming, and Adopt-a-Legislator, which fosters relationships between members and policymakers, have ensured that agriculture remains a vital part of California's future.

Local chapters serve as hubs of activity and outreach, hosting student career tours, scholarship programs, community dinners, and fundraising events that celebrate our agricultural heritage while building strong connections. Their efforts inspire the next generation to pursue careers in agriculture and empower women to serve as leaders in this essential industry.

As we mark this milestone, we pay tribute to the vision and determination of the women who founded this organization and to all those who have carried their mission forward with dedication and heart.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating California Women for Agriculture on 50 years of unwavering service to agriculture and to communities across our state.

RECOGNIZING SETH GOLD

**HON. BRETT GUTHRIE**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2025*

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Seth Gold for his service to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio and graduate of The George Washington University for both a Bachelor of Science in Public Health and Master of Public Health—Seth began his career on Capitol Hill as a Health Legislative Assistant for Dr. Michael Burgess (TX-26) in 2016 before moving to the Senate to work as Health Policy Advisor for Senator Rob Portman (OH) in 2017. In May 2021, Seth joined the Subcommittee on Health for the House Committee on Energy and Commerce when I served as Subcommittee Republican Leader, and later Subcommittee Chair, under Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers. During his time under Chair Rodgers and myself, Seth was an invaluable Professional Staff Member and under his leadership—our committee strengthened Medicaid through the Working Families Tax Cuts, which established Medicaid work requirements and expanded home and community-based services to new beneficiaries.

After serving two Chairs and three Subcommittee Chairmen, Seth will soon depart Capitol Hill and move to Louisiana to serve as the Policy Director for the Louisiana Department of Health. I wish him the best, congratulate him on his new role, and thank Seth Gold for his service to the House Committee on Energy and United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING PRESIDENT ÁLVARO URIBE VÉLEZ

**HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2025*

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the former President of the Republic of Colombia, Álvaro Uribe Vélez, for his extraordinary leadership, steadfast defense of democracy, and unwavering commitment to the safety and prosperity of the Colombian people.

President Uribe assumed office in 2002 during one of the most challenging periods in Colombia's modern history, a time marked by violence, narco-terrorism, and instability. Through his bold and visionary "Democratic Security" policy, President Uribe restored law and order, dismantled the strongholds of terrorist organizations like the FARC, and reestablished the authority of the Colombian state across the nation.

Under his leadership, Colombia's economy flourished through increased trade and investment. His administration strengthened U.S.-Colombian relations, culminating in the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement, which expanded cooperation on security and counter-narcotics efforts.

President Uribe's courage in confronting narco-terrorist groups and his dedication to the rule of law set a model for democratic governance. For his leadership, integrity, and tireless defense of liberty, many regard President

Uribe as the Abraham Lincoln of Colombia, a unifying figure who preserved his nation's democracy and restored hope to millions.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing President Alvaro Uribe Vélez for his historic contributions to the people of Colombia and to the cause of freedom and democracy.

HONORING DENICE GERSTENBERG  
FOR HER DISTINGUISHED CAREER  
IN PUBLIC SERVICE

**HON. LISA C. McCLAIN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2025*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Denice Gerstenberg on the occasion of her retirement after more than three decades of exceptional service in municipal government. Throughout her distinguished career, Denice Gerstenberg has embodied the values of professionalism, compassion, and community commitment that define true public service.

Before joining the City of Algonac, Denice Gerstenberg devoted over twenty-six years to the City of Sterling Heights, Michigan, where she developed a deep understanding of city operations, policy development, and community engagement. Her dedication, integrity, and strong work ethic earned her the respect of colleagues, elected officials, and residents alike.

In 2017, Denice Gerstenberg accepted the position of City Manager for the City of Algonac. Bringing with her a wealth of experience and steady leadership, she guided the city through a period of continued growth and renewal.

Under her leadership, Algonac has continued to thrive as a welcoming waterfront community, a place where residents, visitors, and businesses alike can live, work, and play. Her prudent management of city finances, steadfast support for public works, and calm guidance during times of transition, both infrastructural and public health related, have left a lasting mark on the city's stability and success.

A proud graduate of the University of Michigan, Denice Gerstenberg earned both her Bachelor's Degree in Arts & Sciences and her Master's Degree in Public Health. She also holds a certification as a Professional Emergency Manager. Her academic achievement, coupled with her extensive professional experience, made her uniquely effective in connecting policy, people, and public well-being.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Denice Gerstenberg will be remembered for her integrity, compassion, and mentorship. She cultivated collaboration within City Hall, encouraged professional growth among city staff, and strengthened partnerships with community organizations and residents. Her belief in teamwork and civic engagement has left an enduring legacy in Algonac and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Denice Gerstenberg for her remarkable career and in wishing her every happiness in retirement. Her leadership, integrity, and service to the people of Michigan exemplify the best of local government and public service.

HONORING MRS. YAKITTA  
LANDRUM-LOVETT

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2025*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding healthcare professional, Mrs. Yakitta Landrum-Lovett, for her dedication, compassion, and exemplary service to her patients, colleagues, and community.

Mrs. Lovett has been employed at The Medical Center for 23 years, where she continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to excellence in patient care and leadership. Her professionalism, integrity, and service-minded spirit have earned her the respect and admiration of her peers.

She has been married for 22 years to Mr. Larry R. Lovett, Jr., and together they have two children, Lailah and Keelan. Beyond her professional achievements, Mrs. Lovett is deeply rooted in her faith and community. She is an active member of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, where she serves on the Health Ministry and as a Youth Advisor.

Mrs. Lovett's passion for nursing extends beyond the workplace. She is a member of the Eliza Pillars Registered Nurses Association for District 2, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, and serves on the board of My Preemie & Me, Inc.—a testament to her commitment to advancing the field of nursing and supporting families in need.

Her colleague, Chrissy Nicholson, Chief Human Resources Officer, shared, "Yakitta displays true leadership in her role with the added bonus of a caring, dedicated, and compassionate nurse. I am grateful that she is on our team."

In her own words, Mrs. Lovett said, "I enjoy helping my community become healthier one step at a time. I like working here because of the close-knit family atmosphere and how we show up for each other in times of need and adversity."

Outside of her professional and community endeavors, Mrs. Lovett enjoys shopping, traveling, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Yakitta Landrum-Lovett for her outstanding service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to her profession and community.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE MADDY INSTITUTE

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 12, 2025*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 25th anniversary of the Maddy Institute, headquartered at California State University, Fresno, for its extraordinary contributions to civic education, leadership development, and public policy engagement in the San Joaquin Valley, California, and our Nation.

The Maddy Institute was founded in 1999 through California Senate Bill 733, making it

the first and only public policy institute formally established by the California Legislature. Since its inception, the institute has embodied the vision and values of its namesake, the late Senator Kenneth L. Maddy, a distinguished public servant whose nearly three decades in the California Legislature were marked by integrity, bipartisanship, and a deep commitment to the people of the Central Valley.

Guided by this purpose, the Maddy Institute has pursued a clear and enduring mission: to provide a nonpartisan venue for thoughtful dialogue on pressing public policy issues; to strengthen civic participation; to prepare the next generation of leaders; and to enhance the engagement, efficiency, and effectiveness of government at all levels.

Over the past quarter century, The Maddy Institute has become a cornerstone of civic life in the San Joaquin Valley. Through its flagship programs, The Maddy Report, Valley Views radio program, and The Maddy Daily news aggregator, the institute has informed and engaged thousands of residents, ensuring that critical policy issues are accessible to the communities they affect.

The institute's impact extends far beyond information sharing. Its leadership and internship initiatives, including the "Maddy Interns and Costa Scholars" programs respectively, have opened doors for countless students to serve in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., equipping them with the knowledge and experience to become the next generation of civic, business, and nonprofit leaders. Its forums and summits, including the recently launched Ag Policy Summit, bring together leaders from across sectors to address some of the most complex challenges facing California's heartland.

From producing groundbreaking documentaries on air quality to championing civic engagement through the Citizenship Academy, The Maddy Institute has consistently elevated public discourse and advanced practical solutions for regional statewide challenges. Its alumni now hold leadership roles in business, education, government, law, and public service, carrying forward Senator Maddy's enduring legacy.

In 2024, the Institute marked another milestone with the appointment of Blake Zante, a proud Maddy alumnus, as its Executive Director, building upon the leadership of Mark Keppler, who guided the Institute for two transformative decades. Today, The Maddy Institute continues to thrive as a collaborative partnership among four universities: California State University Fresno, California State University Bakersfield, California State University Stanislaus, and the University of California Merced, an unprecedented model for regional innovation and civic leadership.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating The Maddy Institute for its 25 years of service, its ongoing commitment to civic leadership and public service, and its enduring impact on the future of our Valley and the State of California.