

As part of a welfare check, Deputy Utt responded to a law enforcement request on Friday, May 29, 2026. However, what Deputy Utt and his colleague faced next was a tragedy. The situation unfolded into sudden gunfire. In the line of duty, Deputy Utt was tragically shot and killed.

Service was a core pillar of Deputy Utt's identity, character and life. At an early age, he showed an interest in helping his community. As a high school student in Carroll County, Virginia, he proudly joined the Cana Volunteer Fire Department.

Not only did Deputy Utt serve his local community, but he gave his life to his country as well. Following his graduation from Carroll County High School, the U.S. Air Force entrusted Deputy Utt with an opportunity to give back to his country. American strength and our military might are unmatched thanks to dedicated servicemembers like Deputy Utt.

Once Deputy Utt completed his military service, he joined the Carroll County Sheriff's Office in 2023. Once again, he made important strides to serve his local community by supporting the needs of law enforcement.

Law enforcement and community members mourn the tragic loss of their beloved colleague and friend. Carroll County Sheriff Kevin Kemp described Deputy Utt as a devoted husband, loving father, cherished family member, friend and respected member of our law enforcement community. A regional ceremonial escort from Roanoke, Virginia, to Mount Airy, North Carolina, was widely attended by many communities to pay their respects. Deputy Utt's death in the line of duty reminds us all that law enforcement never rests to protect and serve Virginia communities.

Service in law enforcement is time-consuming, stressful and demanding. But that did not distract Deputy Utt from being a caring husband and father. He is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Katlin "K.T." Utt; his beloved children, Silas and Bertie, who were the pride and joy of his life; his grandmother, Frances "Nana" Utt; his brothers, Jess Edwards and Lee Edwards; and his sisters, Hassidy Capps and Sarah Blair (Matt).

Deputy Utt was 31 years old. The pain and shock from his tragic death will weigh heavily on Virginia's 9th District and make healing difficult. But the memory of a loving man, public servant and veteran who worked hard to make others safe and free will resonate for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING
SHERIFF DAN SPRINGER

HON. RYAN K. ZINKE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2026

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Speaker, as our Nation marks the 250th anniversary of American independence, I rise to recognize Sheriff Dan Springer, an extraordinary Montanan who works every day to ensure the safety and security of his community.

Sheriff Springer has a long history of serving Montana. For more than 30 years, Sheriff Springer has been involved in the community of Gallatin County, Montana, and became Sheriff in 2021. In that 30 years he has served as a patrol deputy, K9 officer, school resource

officer, sergeant of the patrol and detective divisions, member and commander of the Special Response Team, commander of the Detention Center and the Missouri River Drug Task Force, chief deputy coroner, and undersheriff before rising to his current role with a unanimous vote.

Since becoming Sheriff, Dan Springer has worked to uphold and strengthen the Gallatin County Sheriffs Office reputation of hard work, integrity, and service. Through his leadership, he has continued the department's commitment to public safety while fostering trust with the people of Montana.

Sheriff Springer takes on the tough jobs. When the crisis at the southern border reached a tipping point and spilled into Montana, Sheriff Springer looked for solutions. He was on the front lines fighting against cartels who were trafficking victims and drugs, murdering and assaulting our neighbors, and shaking down our business owners. Sheriff Springer worked with federal law enforcement partners to clean up the cartels and deport the criminals. In just a year of his plan being enacted, the bad actors know that they will find no safe harbor in the Gallatin.

Outside of law enforcement, Sheriff Springer has continued to serve his community through his active involvement in youth sports and leadership programs. As coach of the Varsity Boys Lacrosse team, he has led his team to seven state championships. Sheriff Springer works tirelessly to instill the values of leadership and integrity in the youth through his Leadership and Growth classes even off the field.

A beloved father, Sheriff Springer is supported by his wife, Marchelle, as well as his three children. Springer's success shines on through his children. His eldest daughter is excelling at Queens University, his son is in his second year at the U.S. Naval Academy, and his youngest daughter is a nationally recognized cheer performer and lacrosse player.

Mr. Speaker, Sheriff Dan Springer serves as a living example of the character of American law enforcement. He embodies the heart of the Gallatin County community and the spirit of Montana law. On this 250th anniversary of our Nation, we honor his tremendous integrity and his commitment to instilling those virtues in generations to come. I thank Sheriff Springer for his virtuous service to Montana and the Nation.

SUPPORTING H.R. 1346, ACCESS TO
YEARLONG E15

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2026

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1346, the Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act, which would ensure that Americans across the country have access to year-round E15. Minnesota is a leader in biofuels, and I stand in support of expanding E15 to all consumers, lowering the cost to fill their gas tanks.

Currently, Minnesota and other states that want to sell year-round E15 must go through an EPA waiver system. Technological advancements of E15 have led to the waiver process being an unnecessary regulatory hur-

dle for states to jump through. This process has led to uncertainty for small fuel stations. These small fuel stations do not want to invest in E15 pumps if there is no certainty that they will be allowed to sell E15.

Minnesota is a national leader for E15. We have 18 ethanol plants and produce over 1.4 billion gallons. This biofuel is sold at over 550 gas stations across Minnesota, a number that will surely rise with the passage of yearlong E15. Biofuel production has seen great advancement in the last twenty years. In the early 2000s, a gallon of ethanol might need 10–20 gallons of water to produce. Now, that number is closer to 2 gallons of water for every gallon of ethanol. Water discharge has decreased for all producers. Some biofuel producers in Minnesota have a completely closed loop, with zero discharge. Minnesota legislators worked hard to ensure that an increase in E15 production and consumption did not lead to increased environmental concerns. Other states should follow our lead as we head towards yearlong E15.

At a time of increased energy costs, year-long E15 is a commonsense policy. There are exciting new sources of fuel, like switchgrass, that should also be researched as alternatives to corn. I have supported efforts in the past to research the viability of alternate biofuel sources and would be interested in pursuing that research again. We cannot rely on corn alone to produce the ethanol of the future.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF JAMES HONG "JIM" SHEE

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2026

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of James Hong "Jim" Shee of Phoenix, who passed away on May 13, 2026, at the age of 86. Jim was a civil rights leader, a community builder, and a deeply respected Arizona figure whose life helped tell the story of who we are as a state.

Jim was born in Tucson to Lem Hong Shee and Maria Villegas Shee. He grew up in South Tucson as the son of a Chinese father and Mexican American mother, speaking both English and Spanish and moving between communities that did not always make room for him. As a biracial child, he regularly experienced discrimination, and he faced further hardship after losing an eye in a childhood accident. Jim did not let those setbacks stop him. Jim helped people treated as outsiders.

He graduated from Pueblo High School, served in the National Guard, attended the University of Arizona, and built a career in business. Jim and his brother John co-owned El Sol Market, where Jim became known for a Chinese chorizo recipe that continues today. Later, he worked in the grocery industry in Phoenix, traveled the world as an import buyer, and entered real estate. Across every chapter, Jim was a kind and caring community leader who stayed rooted in the people and neighborhoods that shaped him.

That same commitment guided his civic work. Jim worked closely with Madeline Ong Sakata to carry forward the legacy of her father, Arizona State Senator Wing F. Ong—the first Asian American elected to a state legislature in U.S. history. Madeline and Jim created

the Arizona Asian American Association and the Arizona Asian Chamber of Commerce to strengthen civic engagement and cultural opportunities for Asian American Arizonans.

Jim also understood that the Asian American and Latino communities of Arizona are neighbors, friends, and community members who can work together to build greater civic power. He helped establish the Phoenix Asian-Hispanic Alliance to provide a space for community members to meet and organize.

On his seventieth birthday in 2010, Jim was pulled over by a Phoenix police officer. After running his information, the officer told him he was free to go. When Jim asked why he had been stopped, the officer eventually acknowledged that Jim looked suspicious. Jim was a United States citizen who had lived in Arizona his entire life. He did not let that moment pass. He joined the legal challenge to S.B. 1070 and publicly shared his story so others could understand what racial profiling looks like in practice. For years afterward, he carried his passport in his own country in case he had to prove again that he belonged here.

Jim's service earned recognition from organizations across Arizona, including the Arizona Asian Chamber of Commerce, Chicanos Por La Causa, Asia, Pacific Community in Action, the City of Phoenix, American Legion Post 41, Pueblo High School, and the American Civil Liberties Union. The City of Phoenix proclaimed June 27 "Jim Shee Day" in recognition of his decades of service last year. Those honors show the trust Jim built across communities and the example he set by standing up with humility and conviction.

Jim is survived by his wife, Marian; his daughter, Laurie; his daughter-in-law, Marcie; and his grandchildren, Kameron and Maya. He was preceded in death by his sons, Andrew Mark and Kevin James.

I extend my deepest condolences to Marian, the Shee family, and everyone who knew and loved Jim.

Mr. Speaker, Jim Shee broke down barriers and Arizona is better off because of him. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and legacy.

RECOGNIZING SC JOHNSON'S COMMITMENT TO ENDING MALARIA AND OTHER INSECT-BORNE DISEASES

HON. BRYAN STEIL

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2026

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the consumer product company SC Johnson for their longstanding commitment to eliminating malaria and other types of insect-borne disease. Founded in 1886 and headquartered in Racine, Wisconsin, which I have the honor to represent in this chamber, SC Johnson is dedicated to creating a more sustainable, healthier, and transparent world that inspires people and creates opportunities. SC Johnson's commitment to working for a better world is evident in how the company has brought its expertise in science, innovation, and partnerships to address the challenge of preventing and eradicating malaria.

For nearly 70 years, SC Johnson has used its entomological expertise, philanthropy, and

product innovations to help families protect themselves from malaria and other deadly insect-borne diseases. In 2013, the company established a dedicated Healthier World Initiative team, which has been focused on preventing insect-borne disease among the world's most vulnerable populations and increasing health education in communities around the globe. In this effort, SC Johnson has established a network of 86 community health posts across four countries—Rwanda, Tanzania, South Sudan, and Indonesia. These clinics serve over two million people annually who would otherwise not have access to care. In Rwanda in particular, the clinics have reduced the average walking time to receive care from 3 hours to 30 minutes.

The company's primary focus in this initiative has been to develop and distribute a new class of tools known as spatial repellents to prevent the transmission of diseases like malaria and dengue. Ten-plus years and more than \$120 million invested in development, testing, production, and deployment has produced two spatial repellent products—SC Johnson and Guardian and SC Johnson Mosquito Shield. In August 2025, the World Health Organization announced a policy recommendation for spatial repellents to be used to fight insect-borne diseases like malaria, dengue, and Zika—allowing these prevention tools to be distributed to communities with a high malaria burden at a much larger scale. This is one of the first new categories of vector control tools to receive a policy recommendation from the WHO for malaria prevention within the last 25 years.

A second important milestone took place on May 13, 2026, when SC Johnson, the U.S. State Department, and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria announced a three-year agreement to expand access to Guardian spatial repellents. That collaboration will support the procurement and distribution of approximately 30 million units of Guardian to protect more than 60 million people in high malaria burden countries over the next three years.

Guardian is a low-cost, electricity-free tool that provides protection for up to a year and can be used in a wide range of household and humanitarian settings. SC Johnson's partnership with the Global Fund demonstrates how American innovation combined with the Global Fund's global procurement and delivery platform can expand access to life-saving malaria prevention tools, while also enabling sustainable manufacturing in Sub-Saharan Africa. Additionally, partnering to deploy this innovative American malaria prevention tool aligns with the America First Global Health Strategy, which seeks to promote American public health innovation and technology around the world through private sector engagement and collaboration.

Finally, as a testament to SC Johnson's commitment to improving people's lives around the world, the manufacture and distribution of their Guardian spatial repellent remain a not-for-profit initiative for SC Johnson.

Sadly, malaria remains one of the world's deadliest infectious diseases, causing more than 600,000 deaths each year, most of them children under the age of five in Sub-Saharan Africa. And nearly every minute, a child dies from this entirely preventable disease. While these statistics may seem discouraging, the innovative work of companies like SC John-

son, along with many other organizations that are united in the fight against malaria, gives me great hope that we are moving closer to eliminating this terrible disease that robs individuals and families of precious futures.

Mr. Speaker, I commend SC Johnson, along with the vision and commitment of their Chairman and CEO Dr. Fisk Johnson and the dedication of the company's Healthier World Initiative team, for working to protect vulnerable families from malaria and other insect-borne diseases. I have no doubt that SC Johnson's innovative malaria prevention tool will be a true gamechanger in achieving our shared vision of a world where no one dies from a mosquito bite.

RECOGNIZING THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF KERN COUNTY

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 4, 2026

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Boys & Girls Club of Kern County on its 60th anniversary. Since its founding, the organization has served as a pillar of our community, empowering young people across Kern County through its commitment to integrity, respect, and excellence.

In 1966, the club began in a modest home, which was converted into an after-school recreation space where boys could play sports, enjoy games, and participate in staffed community field trips. As interest grew, so did the need for expanded facilities, resources, and programming to support local youth. From the very beginning, the Kern County community stepped up to ensure the club had the support necessary to continue its mission.

Thanks to continued investment from the community, the Board of Directors purchased a church on Monterey Street that became a true "home away from home" for the many boys. Club leaders soon recognized that many members were bringing their younger sisters along, leading the organization to officially expand its program to welcome girls. As membership continued to grow, board member Jack Armstrong purchased a nearby property with the vision of creating a modern Boys & Girls Club that could serve all youth in the community.

Over the past 60 years, the Boys & Girls Club of Kern County has built strong partnerships with organizations across the region, including local school districts, the Boy Scouts, and countless community groups. These collaborations have opened doors for young people by providing mentorship, academic support, recreational opportunities, and a place where our community's youth can grow and thrive. What began as a single location has grown into 75 sites serving more than 17,000 children and teens across Kern County.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Boys & Girls Club of Kern County on this remarkable milestone and in thanking the organization for sixty years of dedicated service to the young people of the Central Valley. Its impact on our communities and on the lives of thousands of children and families cannot be overstated.