

as the company celebrates its 30th anniversary.

Founded in 1996 near the James River in Richmond, Virginia, by marketing industry expert and digital marketing specialist Josh Fertel, River City Marketing was established with a mission to help small businesses grow through creative and strategic marketing.

In 2001, the company relocated its headquarters to Fairfax, Virginia, where it has continued to grow while serving organizations throughout Northern Virginia, the Washington metropolitan area, the Mid-Atlantic region, and beyond.

River City Marketing's 30-year history has coincided with a remarkable transformation in the marketing industry. When the company was founded, digital advertising was still in its infancy and online marketing was only beginning to emerge.

Today, digital search and online platforms have fundamentally changed how businesses connect with their customers, and artificial intelligence is once again reshaping the industry.

Throughout these changes, River City Marketing has continued to evolve to meet the needs of its clients. The company began by providing services including logo design and branding, marketing strategy, print collateral, direct mail, public relations, advertising, and audio and video production.

Today, its work is primarily focused on website design and development, Search Engine Optimization, Answer Engine Optimization, Generative Engine Optimization, Pay Per Click management, social media management, content development, and blogging.

Over the course of three decades, River City Marketing has served more than 1,000 clients, built hundreds of search optimized websites and generated more than 10,000 first page search rankings.

Its clients have credited the company's website development and SEO work with increasing their visibility, generating new sales opportunities, and strengthening inbound leads.

Despite the tremendous technological changes that have reshaped its industry, River City Marketing's mission has remained consistent: helping small businesses reach the right audiences, communicate their value, and glow.

As a family-owned business, the company has built its reputation on personalized service, responsiveness, creativity, and measurable results.

Thirty years of success in an industry defined by constant innovation and change is a significant accomplishment. As River City Marketing celebrates this milestone, it continues to embrace new technologies and approaches while maintaining the personal service and strategic focus that have defined the company since its founding.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Josh Fertel and the entire River City Marketing team on 30 years in business and wishing them continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING BOB NAEREBOUT'S RETIREMENT

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, Bob Naerebout has committed his life's work to the dairy industry. In fact, there is no job in dairy that Bob has not had the opportunity to perform, which makes his worth to Idaho and its agriculture sector irreplaceable. That is why it is bittersweet to congratulate him on his well-earned retirement from the Idaho Dairymen's Association.

When Bob came to Twin Falls with his family in the early 2000's, Idaho had a strong dairy industry. Fast forward more than twenty years and Idaho is a leader in the dairy industry, consistently ranking in the top three states for milk production. I will take that a step further and confidently say that the congressional district I represent is the number one dairy producing district in the country. Bob just so happens to be a constituent.

If you know Bob, you know that his passion in life is helping lift up others in his community and beyond. This is where his professional and personal life have intersected to help advance common sense immigration reform. Bob has brought together agriculture, law enforcement, faith-based organizations, non-profits, and more to create serious momentum around farm labor reforms on a national level. Without Bob Naerebout, none of the progress our Nation has made on this issue would be possible.

I know this great work will continue because like any good retiring dairy farmer, Bob created a succession plan and leaves the organization in the capable hands of his son Rick.

I am honored to recognize Bob and wish him the best in his retirement. I know that I will see him and his wife Doris in their RV as they traverse the country visiting all the friends they have made over the years. I wish safe travels to my friend. It has been an honor to work with him.

HONORING ATTORNEY VIRGIL L. ADAMS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my dear friend, Attorney Virgil L. Adams of Macon, Georgia, upon his selection by the Central Georgia Council, Boy Scouts of America, to receive its Distinguished Citizen Award—an honor reserved for those whose service has made Middle Georgia a better place to live, to work, and to raise a child.

Mr. Speaker, Virgil Adams is a son of Macon. He is also a proud son of Albany State University, where he graduated *summa cum laude* in 1977 with a degree in psychology before earning his Juris Doctor from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University in 1980. He began his legal career as an Assistant District Attorney for the Macon Judicial Circuit, where he tried some of the most serious cases in that community, and in

1987 he entered private practice. Today he is a partner in the firm of Adams, Jordan and Herrington, P.C., with offices in Macon, Milledgeville, and Albany, where he has spent four decades standing beside families who suffered catastrophic loss and had nowhere else to turn. He also served for many years as County Attorney for Bibb County.

Mr. Speaker, the legal profession has taken careful notice of him. He was named Lawyer of the Year by the Macon Bar Association in 2001. He has held Martindale-Hubbell's highest AV rating throughout his career, has been named a Super Lawyer since 2012, and has been recognized among the Top 100 Trial Lawyers by the National Trial Lawyers Association. He served on the Board of Governors of the State Bar of Georgia, which honored him for his leadership in 2014 and presented him its Tradition of Excellence Award in 2020. In 2017 he was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers—an honor extended by invitation only—and in 2023 he was appointed Chairman of its Georgia State Committee. In 2025, the Macon Bar Association presented him with the Judge William Augustus Bootle Professionalism Award. But Mr. Speaker, the Boy Scouts did not choose him for what hangs on his wall. They chose him because of a small chair in an elementary school classroom.

Through the 100 Black Men of Macon-Middle Georgia, of which he is a charter member, Virgil Adams mentors students at Bruce Elementary School. So it is that a man who has stood before juries in cases of life and death, a man whose calendar is claimed by trustees and boards and bar associations across this state, will fold himself into a chair built for a seven-year-old and read a book out loud, one page at a time, and listen while a child reads it back to him. That child does not know he is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. That child does not know what an AV rating is. That child knows only that a grown man came, that he sat down, and that he came back again the next time. Mr. Speaker, the Scout Oath asks a young person to promise "to help other people at all times." Virgil Adams has been keeping that promise in Middle Georgia for 40 years, and he has kept it most faithfully where no camera was rolling and no fee was charged.

He has given that same measure of himself to Newtown Macon, to the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, which he chaired, to the Board of Trustees of Mercer University, to the Albany State University Foundation, to Middle Georgia Justice, to Macon Hope, and to First Tee—Middle Georgia. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. And together with his wife, Paula Shipp Adams, a retired educator, he has invested in the Otis Redding Center for the Arts—so that in the city that gave the world Otis Redding, another Macon child with a gift and no other door might find one open.

Mr. Speaker, the bar of this state has taken notice of that work as well. Virgil Adams was recently presented the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 26th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service—the highest recognition conferred through those awards. The Benham Awards were established in 1997 by the Executive Committee of the State Bar of Georgia to honor lawyers and judges who have made outstanding contributions in service to their communities, and they

carry the name of the Honorable Robert Benham, who in 1989 became the first African American appointed to the Supreme Court of Georgia and who served as its Chief Justice from 1995 to 2001.

Mr. Speaker, that is a fitting name to attach to this man's life. Justice Benham reached a place on that Court where no one who looked like him had ever stood, and he spent his years there making certain he would note the last. Virgil Adams has done the same work in the courtrooms of Middle Georgia. He earned an award given in Justice Benham's name the only way it can be earned—not by what he has won, but by what he has given away.

Mr. Speaker, the founder of Albany State University, Dr. Joseph Winthrop Holley, gave his memoir a title that has outlived him: "You Can't Build a Chimney from the Top" Dr. Holley opened that school in 1903 with almost nothing, in a Georgia that had no intention of helping him, because he understood that anything built to stand must be built from the bottom—one stone, one child, one year at a time. Virgil Adams is what that chimney looks like when it is finished. To his everlasting credit, he keeps climbing back down to the bottom to lay stone for somebody else.

Mr. Speaker, I have known Virgil Adams a long time, and I can tell this House that the honor he receives tonight is not the beginning of his service. It is only Middle Georgia's belated way of saying thank you.

Therefore, Mr Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife Vivian and me, along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's 2nd Congressional District in congratulating Attorney Virgil L. Adams upon receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Central Georgia Council, Boy Scouts of America, and upon his recognition with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 26th Annual Justice Robert Benham Awards for Community Service, in thanking Paula and their family for sharing him with us, and in wishing him continued success in all his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HERBERT C. CONAWAY, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 284.

CELEBRATING TRUST FOR AMERICA'S HEALTH

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr Speaker, I rise to honor and celebrate the work of an extraordinary organization, Trust for America's Health, which for 25 years has served as a preeminent voice for public health advocates in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

Trust for America's Health, or TFAH, is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2026. Formed with a vision to advocate for environmental and public health, it has since broadened its mission to envisioning "a nation that values the health and well-being of all and where prevention and health equity are foundational to policymaking at all levels of society."

The first chairman of TFAH's Board of Directors was former Connecticut Senator and Governor Lowell Weicker. His work leading TFAH's Board of Directors helped establish and strengthen the organization as a voice for public health in the decade after 9/11.

Today, TFAH's extensive body of research includes pivotal reports on issues such as obesity prevention, public health funding, emergency preparedness, and addressing the epidemics of deaths from overdose, suicide, and alcohol. Every four years, TFAH also publishes a Blueprint for the incoming presidential administration and congress. Each of these reports translates evidence into policy action, helping to inform key legislation and funding priorities.

TFAH's research and advocacy have been integral in building our Nation's health security, advocating for the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act and its reauthorizations and strengthening foundational public health preparedness programs like the Public Health Emergency Preparedness program.

TFAH was also an essential voice in preparing for and responding in times of crisis. Their work during health emergencies from H1N1 to Ebola to Zika to Covid-19 always focused on supporting the underlying infrastructure to keep our country safer in future emergencies.

As an appropriator, I have relied on TFAH's trusted voice and coalition-building to support significant and innovative investments in public health, such as the Prevention and Public Health Fund, public health infrastructure funding, and support for addressing adverse childhood experiences and funding suicide prevention programs.

As someone who has been fortunate enough to employ several former TFAH employees, I can say firsthand that their expertise has always been valued.

Today, TFAH's work matters more than ever, as public health faces major headwinds, workforce challenges, and unstable funding. I join the extended public health community in celebrating their accomplishments. It gives me hope about the next 25 years knowing that TFAH can continue to be a bridge to the future of public health, promoting and protecting it for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 296, and YEA on Roll Call No. 297.

HONORING DR. ADDIE MILLER, SUPERINTENDENT OF NORTH BOLIVAR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Addie Carmichael Miller on her appointment as Superintendent of the North Bolivar Consolidated School District and to congratulate her as she begins this important new chapter of leadership.

Effective July 1, 2026, Dr. Miller assumed leadership of North Bolivar Consolidated School District, bringing years of educational experience and a deep commitment to academic excellence, student achievement, and continuous improvement. A native of Shelby, Mississippi, Dr. Miller is a proud 2000 graduate of Broad Street High School. She began her career in education as a classroom teacher in 2004 and later served as assistant principal at McEvans Elementary School, and principal of I.T. Montgomery Elementary School in Mound Bayou. She most recently served as the district's Federal Programs Director.

Dr. Miller was recognized as the district's 2022 Administrator of the Year, reflecting her dedication and leadership in education. Her familiarity with North Bolivar's students, schools, families, and communities provides a strong foundation as she leads the district into its next phase of growth and development.

As Superintendent, Dr. Miller will oversee academic, operational, and strategic initiatives throughout C.E. Hall Elementary, I.T. Montgomery Elementary, and Northside High School. Her leadership will be instrumental in advancing student outcomes, strengthening school operations, and ensuring that district priorities remain aligned with the needs of the community.

In her first official Board of Trustees meeting as Superintendent, Dr. Miller was described as leading with a shared commitment to purpose, progress, and lasting impact on every student. This aligns with a philosophy that values not only measurable academic results but also the long-term development and well-being of students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Addie Miller on this well-deserved appointment and commend her for her continued service to the students, families, and communities of North Bolivar County. I am confident that her leadership, vision, and commitment to excellence will help create meaningful opportunities and lasting success for the scholars she serves.

I congratulate Dr. Miller and send her my best wishes for a successful tenure as Superintendent of the North Bolivar Consolidated School District.