

1978, as it officially became the Marine Corps Marathon. With just under 2,000 runners completing the Marathon during the first two years, the Marine Corps Marathon grew to encompass thousands more runners from across the globe. Each October, Marines and Sailors do us proud by joining together to coordinate the MCM, which has expanded to include a full weekend of events.

Today, the Marine Corps Marathon registers 30,000 participants and is recognized as one of the largest and most-organized marathons in the world.

"I could not have predicted that 30,000 would be running the race," Colonel Fowler said as he saw the event grow. "I wanted a safe race and one where no one would get lost. There were enough problems to handle. You don't foresee all of the problems but you deal with them the best you can. I think it's been good for the Marine Corps and the participants."

Fowler also believed the Marine Corps should not present prize money "because that changes the nature of the race."

"As Marine Corps Marathon founder, Colonel Fowler will be remembered for his powerful impact and for initiating the unique partnership between the U.S. Marine Corps, the running community and the public at large," said MCM Director Rick Nealis.

On Sunday, October 25, the Marine Corps Marathon will celebrate its 40th anniversary in Arlington, VA and our nation's capital with thousands lining the streets to cheer the participants.

Runners and spectators alike will attend the event to also honor our men and women in uniform both past and present who defend our nation's freedoms.

While "The People's Marathon" will continue to spark personal dedication, patriotism and enthusiasm of its participants for many years to come, the Marine Corps Marathon will continue to echo Colonel Fowler's intent to encourage physical fitness, showcase the United States Marine Corps and generate community spirit throughout this great nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF KAHN,
SOARES, AND CONWAY, LLP

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP (KSC) on being recognized as Ag Supporter of the Year by the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce.

In an effort to celebrate the agriculture industry that dominates the Central Valley and recognize individuals and organizations within the industry that truly make a difference, the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce hosts a Salute to Agriculture Banquet each year. On September 11, 2015, the Chamber will host its 21st Annual Salute to Agriculture.

Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP was established 35 three years ago in an effort to provide the agriculture industry with more effective legal representation. The firm, which is based in Hanford, California, is well-known for its work with agriculture-related cases, environmental and water law, labor relations, and legislative representation.

Agriculture is the lifeblood of the Central Valley and the community is very fortunate to have a legal firm with such expertise and dedication at their disposal.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP for their service to the agriculture industry and congratulating them on being honored as Ag Supporter of the Year.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PARIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the Paris Independent Schools in Paris, Kentucky. On September 1, 1865, the Paris City Schools opened its doors in the old Bourbon Academy Building, which had been used as a hospital by the Union Army in the Civil War. The first superintendent was Professor Julius Herrick. Records indicate that in 1875 total enrollment was 225 students.

Over the last one hundred and fifty years, the school system has grown in numbers of students, added facilities, organized a Parent Teacher Organization, added libraries, and made numerous educational advancements. Many prominent educators have devoted their careers to educating the children of Paris, Kentucky. A few of the more well-remembered names include Sarah Blanding, who later became dean at the University of Kentucky and Cornell University and President of Vassar College. Blanton Collier taught and coached football and basketball at Paris High School for sixteen years before serving in World War II, becoming head football coach at the University of Kentucky and the Cleveland Browns, and being named as All American coach. Harry Lancaster was an assistant coach at Paris High School before he became an assistant basketball coach at the University of Kentucky under Coach Adolph Rupp, head baseball coach, and athletic director. These are just three of the hundreds of outstanding teachers that have taught the students of Paris.

Paris Independent Schools have been known over the years for high academic achievement, strong music programs, and great athletic teams. They provide well rounded educational opportunities for all students. A strong education is vital in opening doors to young people and providing them hope for a good life. For one hundred and fifty years, Paris Independent Schools have focused on excellence in education. I am honored to commemorate their 150th anniversary and wish them all the best in the future.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GEISINGER HEALTH SYSTEM

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Geisinger Health System as it celebrates the 100th anniversary of its establishment. Geisinger Health System is an integrated health services organization within my congressional district that is widely admired for its development of innovative care models and its advances in the use of electronic health records and telemedicine.

Over a century ago, Abigail Geisinger, the organization's founder, made the intentions for her namesake quite clear when she said, "Make my hospital right; make it the best." The fact that the first Geisinger Medical Center opened earlier than expected in order to serve its community in the wake of a typhoid emergency in 1915 is indicative of the very organization Ms. Geisinger envisioned, and that legacy continues to this day.

Due to the dedicated commitment of its employees, the health system has grown from the original medical center in Danville into a physician-led, integrated health services organization that is respected both nationally and worldwide. In fact, Geisinger serves more than 2.6 million residents throughout 44 counties in central, south-central, and northeast Pennsylvania—many of whom live in rural, medically underserved areas.

Comprised of approximately 23,500 employees, a 1,200 member multi-specialty group practice, hospitals, research centers, an alcohol and chemical dependency treatment center, and a health plan, Geisinger provides the Commonwealth with a patient care mission that is second to none. Furthermore, the health system leverages an estimated \$8.9 billion annually, revenue that has positively impacted Pennsylvania's economy, and remains integral to statewide development.

Mr. Speaker, I am humbled to join Geisinger Health System in commemorating its 100th anniversary, and remain eternally grateful for the many services the organization provides to my constituents. I wish the organization many more successful years to come.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EAST BAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 10, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 25th anniversary of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, also known as the East Bay EDA. On October 15, 2015, East Bay EDA will celebrate its many achievements and partnerships that have helped advance the economic vitality of the Bay Area's East Bay region.

East Bay EDA is a cross-sector partnership guided by the expertise, resources, and passion of its public, private, and non-profit leaders, who are focused on regional, sustainable