

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4603, by Representative Steele

1 WHEREAS, Viki Downey's career in aquatic safety and instruction
2 spanned from 1965 through 2024; and

3 WHEREAS, Viki began lifeguarding at the remarkable young age of
4 11; and

5 WHEREAS, At age 30, Viki was hired at a pool where she continued
6 lifeguarding and assisted with therapy swim sessions; and

7 WHEREAS, At age 34, Viki was selected to lead the therapy swim
8 program, while also instructing water aerobics, teaching swim
9 lessons, and serving as a lifeguard; and

10 WHEREAS, Viki became the pool's Aquatic Supervisor at age 38,
11 further demonstrating her leadership and devotion to community health
12 and safety; and

13 WHEREAS, Viki was hired by the Manson Park and Recreation
14 District in 1998, where she established and developed the
15 lifeguarding program and served as Aquatic Supervisor until her
16 retirement in 2024; and

17 WHEREAS, During her first year in 1998 at Manson Bay Park, Viki
18 performed 14 rescues, a testament to her vigilance and commitment to
19 public safety; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2011, Viki started a free swim lesson program for
21 individuals ages four to 100, teaching 398 lessons the first year,
22 483 the second year, and over 500 lessons each consecutive year until
23 2020, when COVID-19 restrictions were in place; and

