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Mr. Marathon to be honored with stadium dedication, renaming

MARATHON, FL (Sept. 17, 2026) – The community is invited on Friday, Sept. 18, as the Marathon Middle/High School football stadium will be dedicated as the Michael H. Puto Stadium honoring the long-time resident, businessman, and government official.



The dedication of the stadium to honor Puto, also known as Mr. Marathon, will take place at halftime of the game between the Dolphins and the John I. Leonard Lancers, which is scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

The Monroe County School District board voted earlier this year to rename the stadium after Puto, who was raised in Marathon, attended school here, and has long supported and raised funds for local schools.

Additionally, he has served on a variety of boards and committees throughout Marathon and Monroe County.

In his long government career, Puto has been Marathon city manager and a county commissioner, vice mayor and mayor.

In 2021, the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative named an addition to the Marathon Operations Center as the Michael H. Puto Emergency Operations Annex.

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