

thank you for allowing us to be here today on such an important lifesaving bill

My life was saved on January 12<sup>th</sup> of this year. I was refereeing a basketball game at Columbus Academy. I collapsed onto the floor and went into cardiac arrest and actually died for a few minutes. But was “jolted” back to life due to lifesaving measures including the AED. I would not be here today if it was not for the staff and a couple of fans watching the game who performed CPR and having the AED at the school. My wife would have gotten a different phone call that night if they did not have that AED available. ....

I am doing well after needing open heart by-pass surgery few days later. Finished cardio rehab over the summer and back to walking, some exercising and golfing. And just last week refereed my first basketball game I am so grateful that I can do this...as I am alive because my life needed a jolt. The AED.

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And, then myself and my wife, son and daughter in law met those who saved my life a couple months later. Unbelievable. They are heroes in our mind. A Very emotional day for sure. We were able to meet them because they had what they needed to help bring me back to life. The AED. This heroic survival story made the local Channel 10 news.

I have lots of living to do. Beyond thankful that I can .....Including Spending time with family, watch my grandchildren grow, spending time with friends, and getting back to a “normal life.”

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