

John Glenn's Ohio birthplace places historic marker

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In this Jan. 25, 2012, file photo, former astronaut and Sen. John Glenn poses for a photo during an interview at his office in Columbus, Ohio. The Ohio birthplace of the late astronaut is celebrating its place in history with a historic marker commemorating the astronaut and U.S. senator who died last year. Officials in Cambridge will hold a ceremony Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017, to unveil the marker. Glenn was born there on July 18, 1921. The commemoration was spearheaded by the local convention and visitors' bureau. It's part of increased efforts to honor Glenn's legacy since his death on Dec. 8, 2016. (AP Photo/Jay LaPrete, File)

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Officials in Cambridge unveiled the marker Thursday. Glenn was born there on July 18, 1921.

The mayor, officials at the local convention and visitors' bureau and a graduate student researching Glenn collaborated on the project. It's part of increased efforts to honor Glenn's legacy since his death at age 95.

Glenn was the first American to orbit the Earth and served 24 years as a Democrat in the Senate.

An effort had failed to have his Cambridge home listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Officials said the National Park Service considered his home in nearby New Concord, beginning at age 2, "most suitable."

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