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Welcome to the Mars Marathon here at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

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(Cheers) (Music)

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Are you ready? Get set. Go!

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(Cheers)

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We're doing this in celebration of the Mars marathon

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that the rover Opportunity has accomplished on Mars.

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We expected at most to go maybe half a mile on the surface of Mars

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and it has completed the 26.2.

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It's the first time that any human device has ever traveled

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more than a marathon's distance on the surface of another world.

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We're running it as a series of laps around the laboratory totaling the distance of a marathon.

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So we have about 90 runners that are running in relay teams

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and over the course of the day they will complete that 26.2 miles.

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(Cheering)

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This is not the finish line for the rover,