

HONORING BLACK FINE ART  
MONTH

**HON. ROBIN L. KELLY**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2019*

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Black artists inspire the citizens of Chicago with the power of their imaginations and create works that heal, uplift, and transform our community; and

Whereas, Black artists create works in all art forms that reflect a wide range of experiences and perspectives; and

Whereas, the appreciation of the full diversity and complexity of Black lives is crucial for the common good of our local, national, and international communities; and

Whereas, Black artists play a leading role in shaping public attitudes about diversity and provide valuable role models for future generations; and

Whereas, Black artists create work that touches our deepest emotions and builds bridges among people of all ages, abilities, races, religions, and sexual preferences; and

Whereas, Pigment International,<sup>TM</sup> the Black art collective, in collaboration with The DuSable Museum of African American History, a Smithsonian Affiliate, and in partnership with the bold gallerists, esteemed art purveyors, talented curators, and prominent arts organizations across Chicago, across the country and globally, has organized a new international holiday called Black Fine Art Month, which is celebrated annually during October.

Whereas, the citizens of Chicago are joining with artists and art supporters around the world to celebrate the Black fine art aesthetic and its global impact during this inaugural Black Fine Art Month proclaimed this October 3, 2019; now, therefore be it

Resolved that I, ROBIN L. KELLY, serving as a Member of the House of Representatives, do hereby proclaim October as “Black Fine Art Month,” in the Second Congressional District of Illinois.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. EVA  
FELDMAN

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2019*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Eva Feldman for receiving the 2019 Distinguished Achievement Award from the Michigan Medicine Alumni Society. Her esteemed work in neurology is worthy of commendation and makes her an excellent recipient of this great honor.

Dr. Eva Feldman received her Ph.D. and M.D. in neuroscience at the University of Michigan Medical School in 1979 and 1983, respectively. After performing her residency in neurology at The Johns Hopkins Hospital—becoming the first neurologist to receive The Johns Hopkins Award for Medical Teaching and Excellence—she returned home to the University of Michigan to complete a Neuro-muscular fellowship in 1988. She has been

part of the University of Michigan faculty ever since and continues to devote her career to understanding neurological disorders and developing new and innovative treatments. Under her supervision, nine scientists have received their Ph.D. degrees, and over 100 postdoctoral fellows and neurologists have been trained to treat neurological diseases.

Today, Dr. Feldman serves as the Director of the University of Michigan ALS Center of Excellence and runs the Program for Neurology Research & Discovery, her own 30-scientist laboratory. In addition, she is the principle investigator of the first two FDA-approved human trials of intraspinal stem cell implantation therapy for ALS. Furthermore, Dr. Feldman formerly directed the A. Alfred Taubman Medical Research Institute until 2017.

Dr. Feldman is renowned for her neurological expertise. Throughout her tenure, Dr. Feldman has published over 420 original peer-reviewed articles, four books, and 70 book chapters, and has received continuous funding from the National Institutes of Health for more than 30 years. She is the Past President of the Peripheral Nerve Society and served as President of the American Neurological Association from 2011 to 2013. In addition to being an elected member of the Association of American Physicians and National Academy of Medicine, Dr. Feldman has earned a vast list of awards and recognitions including the 2016 Castle Connolly National Clinician of the Year Award and the 2017 Endocrine Society Gerald D. Aurbach Award for Outstanding Translational Research, to name only a few. Most recently, Dr. Feldman was honored with the 2019 PNS Alan J. Gebhart Prize for Excellence in Peripheral Nerve Research.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Dr. Eva Feldman for her extraordinary work in neurology. We are grateful for her lifetime of impactful work and wish her many years of continued success. The 2019 Distinguished Achievement Award is well deserved.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOR-  
TIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HAR-  
VESTERS

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today to celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of Harvesters and recognize its countless contributions to Missouri’s Fifth Congressional District, the Kansas City region, and beyond. As part of a national network of hunger relief organizations, Harvesters is a cornerstone of many communities in the 5th District, and I am truly honored to have such an impactful, admirable organization based in the district I represent.

Harvesters began in Kansas City in 1979 when faith organizations, social service agencies, and businesses partnered to tackle the increasing issue of hunger in the greater Kansas City area. Harvesters is a food bank that acts as a liaison between more than 760 agencies in Missouri and Kansas to coordinate with emergency food pantries, homeless shelters, children’s homes, schools, and others to

end food insecurity. During its first year of operation, Harvesters administered 155,000 pounds of food within five counties. The non-profit has only increased in size and reach in the years since.

In 2018, Harvesters distributed 52,572,724 pounds of food throughout twenty-six counties in Missouri and Kansas. As operations expanded and flourished, the United States Department of Agriculture extended a partnership to Harvesters, offering the organization the opportunity to distribute federal commodities to qualifying agencies. In 2011, Harvesters was nationally recognized as the Food Bank of the Year by Feeding America, the largest domestic hunger relief organization in the United States.

Harvesters operates community-wide programs for children, families, and seniors out of its Topeka and Kansas City facilities. The BackSnack program works with schools to provide over 8,000 nutritious snacks and meals each week to children in the greater Kansas City area. The nonprofit has implemented mobile food pantries throughout Missouri’s Fifth Congressional District for families that may not otherwise have access to a grocery store. Harvesters also works with the federal government on the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, which delivers boxes of nutritious food to seniors each month. Harvesters is inclusive of all, tailoring each of its programs to the diverse community it serves.

Harvesters set itself apart as an advocate and champion of human dignity in our communities. Throughout its twenty-six county service area, one in eight people are food insecure. The organization recognizes that many individuals and families need food assistance at times, and they strive to provide support with benevolence and compassion. Harvesters staff and volunteers are truly an inspiration to us all.

Madam Speaker, please join with me in celebrating Harvesters’ Fortieth Anniversary. Through magnanimous leadership and dedicated service, Harvesters has touched the lives of thousands of residents in Missouri’s Fifth Congressional District and beyond. We stand today to celebrate Harvesters’ indelible mark on our country and thank them for their enduring work to end hunger in our communities.

RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF THE WEST  
HARPETH PRIMITIVE BAPTIST  
CHURCH

**HON. MARK E. GREEN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 4, 2019*

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th Anniversary of the West Harpeth Primitive Baptist Church.

The West Harpeth Primitive Baptist Church was founded circa 1869 under the leadership of Elder Peter Starnes. The first congregants were former slaves upon whose strong Christian faith the church was founded.

The land was purchased in 1881 and the initial facility was constructed on the property. The land, located near Old West Harpeth Road, is the same site on which their building