

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF RABBI SAMUEL SANDHAUS FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rabbi Samuel Sandhaus for his service to his community. Rabbi Sandhaus has dedicated his life to the service of his country and his fellow citizens, and will be honored for his contributions and achievements on Sunday, October 27, 2019.

Rabbi Sandhaus earned a bachelor's degree in economics and ordination, as well as a master's in Bible studies, from Yeshiva University. He also earned an MBA in finance and management from Boston University, and postgraduate certificates in health service administration and gerontology from Marywood University. Answering the call to serve his country in 1971, he served as a chaplain in the United States Army until 1979, and he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

After his time in the Army, Rabbi Sandhaus was licensed as a nursing home administrator by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He was then named the Assistant Executive Director of the Jewish Home of Eastern Pennsylvania in 1979, beginning his four-decade career with the organization. He served as Associate Director from 1981–1983 before being named the Executive Director in 1983. During his tenure, the Jewish Home became a leader in provisional long-term care in the region. Under his thoughtful direction and leadership, Jewish Home purchased 20 acres of land in Clarks Summit to build Elan Gardens, a personal care facility. Rabbi Sandhaus retired from the organization in 2019.

Rabbi Sandhaus' colleagues have often sought his professional opinion and experience. He served as the co-chair of the Quality Assurance Committee for the Association of Jewish Aging Services; president of Sigma Phi Omega; president of both the National Gerontology Academic and the Professional Honor Society's Scranton Chapter; and in various other capacities for the Association of Jewish Aging Services. He also offered his expertise as a management consultant for Elan Gardens.

Rabbi Sandhaus has been an active leader in his community. He served as community co-chair and chair of the United Jewish Campaign; director of the Scranton Hebrew Jewish Day School; director of both the Scranton Counseling Center and the United Way of Lackawanna; chaplain for the Sandy Weissberger/Leon Kaplan Post 165 Jewish War Veterans; an instructor at Marywood University School of Continuing Education; and secretary/treasurer of Webster Towers Senior High-Rise.

It is an honor to recognize Rabbi Sandhaus for his contributions to the Jewish community

and elder care services in Northeastern Pennsylvania. His professional career and personal endeavors have enriched the lives of many, and I hope his spirit of serving his fellow citizens inspires many generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE JOHNSON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on Roll call No. 555—motion to table.

CONGRATULATING THE ALLEGHANY RESCUE SQUAD ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Alleghany Rescue Squad in North Carolina's Fifth District on its 50th anniversary. The story behind this rescue squad is a truly remarkable testament to the strength and character of this community.

On September 12, 1969, high school students, Linda Pennington and Johnny Johnson, collided with a tree while driving from the school football game. Both were trapped inside the car for hours before they could be taken to the hospital.

At the scene of the wreck, hundreds gathered and did what they could to help, but without jaws of life and other rescue equipment, they were not able to save Linda and Johnny. The community responded to this horrible tragedy by coming together to make sure next time disaster struck, it would be prepared.

Local leaders gathered men and women to form the rescue squad. Soon, with the help of the Elkin Rescue Squad, CPR classes were underway, and so was the squad's fundraising campaign. The rescue squad made appeals to the community for money to buy a truck, all-purpose first-aid kit, resuscitator, jaws of life and many other life-saving tools.

The response from community members was incredibly generous and the Alleghany Rescue Squad continues strong today, comprised entirely of volunteer workers—including three of its charter members—who raise all funding for equipment and rescue classes. These men and women are true heroes, always ready to save when lives are in danger.

They prove that when neighbors are in need, the community around them can provide the best help, and I am very proud to represent citizens who so selflessly serve their fellow citizens.

IN HONOR OF THE MINEOLA MAIN STREET PROGRAM

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. GOODEN. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following proclamation.

Whereas, in January 1989 the city of Mineola was chosen from several applicants throughout the state to participate in the Texas Main Street Program. The city has been a continuous member of the program for 30 years and is the seventh oldest program in the state; and

Whereas, the program's mission is to use the Main Street Four Point Approach to restore a positive image to downtown, while creating economic growth for our community. Our Main Street Program will be the vehicle to continue historic revitalization of downtown Mineola; and

Whereas, monthly, quarterly and annual reports are filed with the Texas Historic Commission to document the economic aspects of the program; and

Whereas, the Mineola Main Street District is bounded on the north by Blair and McDonald Streets, south to the city limits on Highway 69, east to the city limits, and west to the intersection of Kilpatrick Street with Highway 80; and

Whereas, the Meredith Foundation has been instrumental in supporting the Mineola Main Street Program, providing over \$1.2 million in grants for projects from its beginning through end of this year; and

Whereas, in the past 10 years, the Mineola Main Street Board had approved 44 incentive grants in the amount of \$35,765 for improvements in the Main Street District. The money for these grants was raised by the board and other volunteers; and

Whereas, the Main Street Board has operated a successful Wine Train fundraiser with Amtrak to Fort Worth for 16 years; and

Whereas, in the last decade, total reinvestment in the Mineola Main Street District by private ventures, public investment and joint projects has totaled \$19,963,731; and

Whereas, the grand total of reinvestment reported to the Texas Historic Commission over the 30 years of Main Street in Mineola is more than \$32 million; and

Whereas, over the 30 years, the Main Street Program has purchased, placed and overseen the placement of Christmas decorations downtown; and

Whereas, in 2013 the city's Historic District was named to the U.S. Department of Interior's National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, the Mineola Historical Museum was opened under the umbrella of the Main Street Program and celebrates its 10th anniversary this year; and

Whereas, an interactive model train set in scenery replicating 1930s Mineola and its trains was purchased and is on display at the depot; and

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Whereas, a railroad track for a miniature train was constructed at Iron Horse Square by volunteers. A quarter-scale miniature Union Pacific train is operated on a regular schedule by volunteers for the public on this track; and

Whereas, a mural depicting several iconic images of Mineola was a Main Street project completed in 2018. Ideas for the concept were sought from Mineola students, and the concept was painted by a Mineola High School art graduate, beautifying a wall on the west side of downtown; and

Whereas, the Main Street Board has enjoyed sponsorships and partnerships with private businesses and community organizations through the years;

Whereas, the Main Street Board, under the supervision of the city, continues to make strides in historical preservation, economic vitality, and concentrated marketing that will foster continued growth in our community; Therefore be it

Resolved, that the Main Street Program will continue to support rehabilitation and development of places in our town where memories were made, with the desire that more memories will be formed and cherished by new generations who continue to visit our downtown.

CONGRATULATING DEANNA PRICE
FOR BREAKING THE AMERICAN
HAMMER THROWING RECORD

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating DeAnna Price for breaking the American hammer throwing record with her throw of 256 feet and 8 inches.

Overcoming severe injuries that put her athletic career in jeopardy, DeAnna bounced back even stronger to make history. DeAnna should be commended for her hard work and dedication throughout this past year and for breaking the national record.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing DeAnna Price for a job well done.

COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BURNING OF THE
ROUGE RIVER

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Ms. TLAI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the anniversary of the burning of the Rouge River in Wayne County, Michigan.

Fifty years ago, the Rouge River caught fire. For years and years, this vital waterway, which flows into the Detroit River and is an important link in the industrial supply chain, had been polluted. The rampant and unchecked contamination of the Rouge culminated in the build-up of a sludge so flammable that the river went up in flames as high as fifty feet tall. The conflagration sounded the alarm on the

effect of unchecked pollution, irresponsible corporate actions, and dumping of oil and other toxins into our waterways. An immediate call to action ensued. Residents organized clean ups and advocated for policy changes that would protect our water. Through the perseverance of those residents and community grounds, their dogged pursuit of stronger regulations to clean up the Rouge eventually helped turn things around.

Without the tremendous advocacy and work of organizations like Friends of the Rouge and countless others, the Rouge River would look very different today. These efforts mean that our water is cleaner, our waterways are preserved for recreation, and wildlife and their habitats are protected.

Please join me in rising to commemorate this solemn occasion. May it serve as a reminder in how far we've come in protecting our natural resources and the work that we still need to do to protect our waterways.

IN HONOR OF THE INDUCTION OF
THE CONSTANCE BAKER MOTLEY
ESTATE INTO THE CONNECTICUT
FREEDOM TRAIL

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight an important development in my district. On Sunday, October 6th, the estate of the renowned civil rights activist, lawyer, and judge, Constance Baker Motley, was designated as a heritage site on the Connecticut Freedom Trail.

The Connecticut Freedom Trail is a state designation which recognizes carefully selected sites that celebrate extraordinary African Americans whose lives have greatly expanded the circle of freedom and opportunity for all Americans. Judge Motley, an icon of civil rights advancements and justice for all, kept a home away from home in the town of Chester, part of Connecticut's Second District, for 40 years.

It is important that we recognize this historic site because of the extraordinary life and legacy of Judge Motley. Born and raised in New Haven, CT, Judge Motley was a first generation American, the child of Caribbean immigrants. At an early age, a local philanthropist offered to fund her college education, after hearing her speak at a community event. After graduating from New York University, she attended Columbia Law School at which point she joined the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund. As a contemporary of great civil rights activists like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, and Justice Thurgood Marshall, Judge Motley helped litigate most of the defining civil rights cases of the era, including the landmark *Brown v. Board of Education*.

After a successful career as a lawyer and activist, she became the first female African American New York State Senator. Then, in 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed her to the federal district court for the Southern District of New York, making her the first black woman to serve on the federal judiciary.

There, she spent the next 40 years shaping the legal landscape of the 20th century and even became the court's Chief Judge. It was during this part of her life that Judge Motley often escaped to her Chester home with her family.

I'd like to thank the Chester Land Trust and the greater Chester community for embracing Judge Constance Baker Motley's legacy by preserving her home and estate. I'd also like to thank the Motley and Coleman families for being so supportive of this endeavor.

We honor Judge Constance Baker Motley's life and legacy by inducting her historic home into the Connecticut Freedom Trail. Colleagues, I ask that you please rise and join me in acknowledging this special occasion and the incredible woman we have to thank for it.

HONORING JEREMIAH KAHMOSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jeremiah Kahmoson for his incredible commitment and support of education and youth in our community.

Jeremiah Kahmoson was born and raised in Sonoma County and believes in giving back to the next generation of students. Mr. Kahmoson is a teacher at the North Bay Met Academy and serves as the Executive Director of the B-Rad Foundation, which works to empower individuals through environmental stewardship, health, and adventure programs. In August of 2014, he lost his best friend Bradley "B-Rad" Parker in a tragic climbing accident in Yosemite National Park. The B-Rad Foundation was founded in Brad's memory and based upon the three pillars of his life: Health, Stewardship, and Adventure. Today, the B-Rad Foundation seeks to create a universe where children live a life where every year features 365 days of awesome.

For the past five years, the B-Rad Foundation has supported thousands of kids and their families with fun-filled programs and events. They have partnered with the King Ridge Foundation to lead extended back-country adventures for Sonoma County youth in Yosemite National Park. They were instrumental in the giveaway of over 500 bicycles for devastated children, who lost all their possessions in the 2017 wildfires. The B-Rad program also practices an important "pay-it-forward" philosophy, as they train students in bike maintenance and help them to use their newly acquired repair skills to fix donated broken bikes and re-gift them to local at-risk youth. Mr. Kahmoson's deep commitment to enriching the education of our youth through environmental stewardship has become a deeply appreciated part of our community.

Madam Speaker, Jeremiah Kahmoson is a passionate adventurer and educator who has made great contributions to better the lives of others in our community. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE WEDDING OF CONGRESSMAN DEAN PHILLIPS AND ANNALISE GLICK

HON. HALEY M. STEVENS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Ms. STEVENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Congressman DEAN PHILLIPS and Annalise Glick on their remarkable partnership and to wish them well on a lifetime of marriage.

Congressman PHILLIPS and Annalise were wed in a beautiful ceremony on September 14th, 2019 in Washington, DC. Surrounded by friends and family, their intimate wedding symbolizes their dedication to all who love them and the tremendous bond they share.

As Congressman PHILLIPS has gracefully navigated his first term in Congress standing up to corruption and advocating for transparency, we credit much of his success to the steady and creative hand of his wife, Annalise. Her life's work brings joy to so many, and we know it truly provides inspiration and solace to her husband.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Congressman PHILLIPS and Annalise Glick for embarking on a new chapter in their lives and wishing them well on this profound journey of companionship through all their years.

IN HONOR OF LEO J. FAHEY OF MASSACHUSETTS

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Leo J. Fahey, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the American labor movement, and to his home union, Pipefitters, Local 537 in Massachusetts.

The son of Leo Fahey and Audrey York Fahey from South Boston, Massachusetts, Leo was born on August 2, 1960, in South Boston. He is the youngest brother to sisters Catherine Fahey-Fennessey and MaryBeth Fahey Moore, and a brother, Sean Fahey. Leo attended grammar school at St. Mary's in Randolph, Massachusetts and graduated from Randolph High School in 1978. He furthered his education earning an associate degree from Blue Hills Technical Institute, becoming an expert in HVAC technology and its applications.

Madam Speaker, Leo entered Pipefitters Local 537 in 1983 as an apprentice. He has served his union well serving as Superintendent at Kinetic Systems, and P.J. Riley in Weymouth. He was elected president of Local 537 in 2002 and served in that capacity until 2004. Subsequently he was elected as Business Agent (2004 to 2010), Trustee (2007 to 2016), and Business Manager (2010 to 2016). Leo also played a key in the enactment of important state legislation which allowed municipalities to save energy costs by replacing archaic systems with state of the art facilities. Additionally, Leo played a key role in the Helmets to Hardhats initiative where returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan could receive

training in the construction and building trades as a means to gaining a secure career and enjoying the solidarity of fellow Union Members.

Leo's most enduring work on behalf of Local 537 was yet to come. He improved the Union Hall and outfitted it with modern technology. He established a scholarship fund for union members and their spouses, children and grandchildren, awarding over \$700,000 to date. He along with union brothers William Gallagher, John Messina, Robert Mullin, and James Walsh created a Memorial Wall where each member of Local 537 will be remembered for his and her contribution and dedication to the Pipefitters Union, Local 537.

Leo is known for his quick sense of humor and his loyalty to his friends. He is a proud son of his South Boston roots and a fierce advocate for working families. He is the life partner and fiancé of Diane McArthur, the proud father of four sons: Justin, Ryan, Patrick, and Brendan, and the grandfather of Aiden, Mary, and Joshua.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct honor to join with Leo J. Fahey's family, friends, and contemporaries to thank him for his remarkable service to the American labor movement and to the Pipefitters, Local 537.

RECOGNIZING HENRY BARBOSA FOR A LIFE DEDICATED TO PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Henry Barbosa and his lifelong service to the people of Southern California.

Mr. Barbosa has dedicated his life to serving the public as a City Attorney for several southern California cities, Deputy District Attorney for Los Angeles County, and special counsel to other public agencies. His clients included the City of Oakland, City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, the Metropolitan Transit Authority, and the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Mr. Barbosa served as the President and Director of the Three Valley Municipal Water District and went on to serve six years as a member of the Board for the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California from 1997 to 2002.

Due to his proven record as a public servant, Mr. Barbosa was designated as a member of the Log Angeles Board of Police Commission's Blue-Ribbon Panel to analyze the causes of, and response to, the Rampart area police corruption scandal.

Mr. Barbosa currently sits on the Board of the Orange County Conservation Corps, Board of Advisors to the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center, and the Board of Visitors to the University of La Verne School of Law.

Mr. Barbosa has demonstrated exemplary commitment to his community and has had an extraordinary career punctuated with selfless public service. Today I ask that all Members join me in recognizing the amazing life and works of Henry Barbosa.

MR. ANTHONY WHITE AND DETROIT YOUTH CONCERT CHOIR & PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the Detroit Youth Concert Choir & Performing Arts Company for its recent stellar run on America's Got Talent.

The Detroit Youth Concert Choir & Performing Arts Company was founded in 1996 on the premise of educating Detroit Youth about the arts through music education and dance. Under the nurturing direction and leadership of Creative Director Anthony White, the young people of Detroit Youth Choir have worked tirelessly and with great enthusiasm to perfect and hone their craft. The culmination of their hard work and dedication was proudly displayed on the nationally televised show America's Got Talent. From receiving a golden buzzer to placing second in the competition, the Detroit Youth Concert Choir and Performing Arts Company has represented metropolitan Detroit in a remarkable manner and set a wonderful example for young people everywhere. The Detroit Youth Choir continues to embody the true spirit of Detroit, which shines through in all of their performances everywhere they go.

I ask you to please join me in honoring the Detroit Youth & Performing Arts Company on its outstanding achievement as they bring pride to the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan.

IN MEMORY OF MR. JARRED ROME

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and distinguished athletic career of Mr. Jarred Rome of Marysville, Washington, who died on Saturday, September 21, 2019.

Mr. Rome attended Marysville Pilchuck High School, where he began his career as a discus thrower, graduating in 1995.

He was a six-time All-American at Boise State University, a two-time national champion and a two-time Olympian in the discus.

After finishing fourteenth at Nationals in 2003, Mr. Rome worked to improve, finishing first at the 2004 Olympic trials, qualifying for the U.S. Olympic Team.

He spent 10 years at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California, where he trained and coached the next generation of Olympic athletes.

He was inducted into the Snohomish County Sports Hall of Fame on Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

He is survived by his spouse, former U.S. National Women's Field Hockey Team midfielder Pamela Spuehler Rome, who he met while training in Southern California, his parents and two sisters.

I would like to honor Mr. Rome for the legacy he created for his Washington state community, his lifelong commitment to athletic excellence and for his work to help others attain the same.

LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT FOR
H.R. 1595, THE SAFE BANKING ACT**HON. DENNY HECK**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. HECK. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letters of endorsement for H.R. 1595, the SAFE Banking Act, which passed the House on September 25, 2019.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND SECURITIES,

Harrisburg, PA, September 24, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI AND LEADER MCCARTHY: As state banking supervisors, we are responsible for ensuring the safety and soundness of state-chartered banks and credit unions, as well as the regulation of non-depository financial service providers that may provide services to these entities. The financial services industry in state authorized marijuana jurisdictions is unable to effectively service the needs of this new and growing industry because of conflicting federal and state regulation for marijuana.

Medical marijuana is available to 67 percent of the country's population, and 11 states have legalized adult recreational use. This significant portion of the country's population is funding a growing cannabis industry. The lack of federal safe harbors or authorization for financial service providers is creating commercial risk for the legitimate marijuana industry, due to the lack of financial servicing of these monies.

This absence of servicing encourages a grey economy, as the industry's participants are unable to use safe, regulated, and verifiable money services. Until financial institutions can serve the industry without violating federal laws, then tax collection, consumers, and the financial system will remain at risk.

Until Congress can take broader action to more comprehensively address cannabis, we support the passage of H.R. 1595 to provide a safe harbor for depository institutions that supply financial services to legitimate marijuana businesses and allow for the transparent and safe banking of the marijuana industry.

We urge a YES vote on H.R. 1595.

Robin L. Wiessmann, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities; Candace Frank, Bank Commissioner, Arkansas State Bank Department; Kenneth Boldt, Bank Commissioner, Colorado Division of Banking; Kevin B. Hagler, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Banking and Finance; Iris Ikeda, Commissioner of Financial Institutions, Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; Deborah Hagan, Secretary, Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation; Anita G. Fox, Director, Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services; John Ducrest, Commissioner, Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions; Lloyd P. LaFountain III, Superintendent, Maine Bureau of Financial Institutions; Mary Gallagher, Commissioner, Massachusetts Division of Banks; Melanie Hall, Commissioner, Montana Division of Banking and Financial Institutions; Christopher Moya, Director, New Mexico Financial Institutions Division; Lise Kruse, Commissioner, North Dakota Department of Financial Institutions; Elizabeth K. Dwyer,

Superintendent of Financial Services, Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation; Charles Clark, Director, Washington Department of Financial Institutions; Dawn E. Holstein, Commissioner, West Virginia Division of Financial Institutions; Kathy Blumenfeld, Secretary-designee, Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions.

JUNE 13, 2019.

Hon. MITCH MCCONNELL,
Majority Leader,
Washington, DC.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

Hon. MIKE CRAPO,
Chair, Senate Committee on Banking,
Housing and Urban Affairs, Washington, DC.

Hon. MAXINE WATERS,
Chair, House Committee on Financial Services,
Washington, DC.

Hon. CHARLES E. SCHUMER,
Minority Leader,
Washington, DC.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Minority Leader,
Washington, DC.

Hon. SHERROD BROWN,
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Banking,
Housing and Urban Affairs, Wash-
ington, DC.

Hon. PATRICK MCHENRY,
Ranking Member, House Committee on Finan-
cial Services, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS: As our States' chief executives, we urge Congress to pass legislation allowing states with legalized medical or adult-use cannabis to operate safely and under the scrutiny of the national banking system. We strongly support the passage of the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act (H.R. 1595) and (S. 1200) or similar legislation that would remove the legal uncertainty for banks and credit unions, reducing their risk, enhancing public safety, and increasing financial transparency.

We were pleased that the House Financial Services Committee held a subcommittee hearing on cannabis and financial services on February 13, and we were especially encouraged to see that H.R. 1595 passed the full committee on a strong bipartisan basis on March 28. We urge the full House to pass this legislation to help provide banking services to state-licensed cannabis businesses.

State and federal governments have a shared interest in upholding the rule of law, protecting public safety, and transitioning markets out of the shadows and into our transparent and regulated banking system. Without access to banking services, state-licensed cannabis businesses operate predominantly on a cash basis. This poses a significant public safety risk to customers and employees. Additionally, because banking services are barred, these businesses are unable to write checks, make and receive electronic payments, utilize a payroll provider, or accept credit and debit cards. The cash-only environment puts an additional burden on state and local government agencies that must collect tax and fee payments, in person and in cash, incurring additional public expenses and employee safety risks.

Currently, thirty-four U.S. states, three U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia have legalized the medical use of cannabis. Additionally, ten states and the District of Columbia have legalized recreational use by adults over 21 years of age. Despite legalization of cannabis at the state-level—in many cases to provide medical treatment—our financial institutions face enormous barriers, legal risks, and criminal and civil liability under the Controlled Substances Act that prevent them from providing banking serv-

ices to state-licensed businesses. As a result, very few banks and credit unions will provide these services, leaving many businesses in this sector unbanked.

Many of our states have implemented laws and regulations that ensure accountability of the cannabis industry. However, without banking services, cannabis businesses are less able to obey the law, pay taxes, and follow these important regulations. The public safety risks posed by these cash-only businesses can be mitigated through access to banking service providers.

To adequately address these issues, we urge Congress to pass legislation, such as the SAFE Banking Act (H.R. 1595) and (S. 1200), that would provide a safe harbor for depository institutions that provide a financial product or service to a cannabis business in states that have legalized it. We look forward to working with you as legislation progresses to address this urgent public policy concern.

Sincerely,

Philip D. Murphy, Governor, New Jersey;
Jay Inslee, Governor, Washington;
Tony Evers, Governor, Wisconsin;
Larry Hogan, Governor, Maryland; Jim Justice, Governor, West Virginia; Gary Herbert, Governor, Utah; Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor, New Mexico; Ralph S. Northam, Governor, Virginia; Tim Walz, Governor, Minnesota; JB Pritzker, Governor, Illinois; Steve Sisolak, Governor, Nevada; Ned Lamont, Governor, Connecticut; Leon Guerrero, Governor, Guam; Doug Burgum, Governor, North Dakota; Jared Polis, Governor, Colorado; Kate Brown, Governor, Oregon; Janet Mills, Governor, Maine; Tom Wolf, Governor, Pennsylvania; Albert Bryan Jr., Governor, Virgin Islands; Gretchen Whitmer, Governor, Michigan.

GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR
CANNABIS COMMERCE,
Costa Mesa, CA.

GACC STATEMENT ON THE SAFE BANKING ACT

The Global Alliance for Cannabis Commerce (GACC) announces its endorsement of the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act.

The SAFE Banking Act is sponsored by Representatives Ed Perlmutter (D-CO), Denny Heck (D-WA), Steve Stivers (R-OH), Warren Davidson (R-OH), and over 200 other members of the U.S. House of Representatives, and Senators Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Cory Gardner (R-CO), and nearly thirty other members of the U.S. Senate.

Cannabis banking issues have long been both a significant hamper on industry growth vis-à-vis access to capital and a public safety risk—including the risk of kidnap, torture, and mutilation for the purposes of extortion—by compelling a cash-laden industry.

But beyond the well-documented industry issues cannabis entrepreneurs and small businesses encounter, the lack of banking access puts a significant onus on the 200,000-plus employees of U.S. cannabis businesses. Cannabis businesses have extreme logistical difficulty providing benefits to employees, providing a payroll system, and applying withholdings. Oftentimes, GACC member-business employees are forced to live cash lifestyles without access to proper retirement or healthcare savings. We urge the swift passage of this act.

“The questions lawmakers have to grapple with in legalizing cannabis are serious. The job of the federal government now is not to upset the existing multi-billion dollar U.S. cannabis market and to allow state markets to flourish through wise use of its commerce

powers.”—GACC CFO Will Senn (Founder of Urban Leaf)

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HONORING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PERFECTING CHURCH

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Perfecting Church, a growing ministry and house of worship in Detroit, on its thirtieth anniversary.

Perfecting Church held its first service in 1989 in the home of Pastor Marvin L. Winans with a congregation of only eight people. The church and its congregation grew quickly and found its self in need of a building before ultimately settling into its current home on Detroit's east side. The church's final move was symbolic of two of its guiding principles, unity and serving others. Since its opening, Perfecting Church's mission to serve and bring community together has been reflected in its outstanding charitable work and its service-based programs. Under the leadership of Pastor Winans, Perfecting Church has expanded its services to include youth programming, performing arts, as well as transitional housing for women in the community. Perfecting Church is a community asset to Detroit and has truly become an integral part of its faith-based community.

Please join me in tribute to Perfecting Church in honor of its thirtieth anniversary and its ongoing community service.

RECOGNIZING ORANGE COUNTY CONSERVATION CORPS FOR 25 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

HON. HARLEY ROUDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. ROUDA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC) and its 25 years of service in the Orange County, California community. OCCC was founded in 1993 and is a voluntary work and learn program for at-risk and disadvantaged youth ages 18 to 25.

Over the course of the last quarter century, OCCC has provided career guidance and workforce training to more than 8,000 young adults. Because of the OCCC's hard work and dedication, Corps members have received more than \$1.5 million in financial assistance, received pay for nearly two million hours of work and job training, and have earned over 3,000 high school diplomas and job certificates.

OCCC's dedication to the young adults of Orange County is only rivaled by their dedication to environmental stewardship and conservation. Since its founding, OCCC has protected and restored nearly 3,000 acres of public land, diverted 9,000 tons of recyclable ma-

terial from landfills, and planted more than 120,000 native plants and trees. They exemplify true dedication to Orange County and our communities' public lands.

I ask that all Members join me in recognizing the amazing work and contribution of OCCC.

RECOGNIZING RICK AND MARY MCQUEARY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible work and life of Rick and Mary McQueary.

Rick McQueary and Mary Haseltine McQueary are a couple with a deep love and respect for the rich history in Springfield and Greene County. Each of their families arrived in Greene County in the mid to late 1800s. Rick's family began a pharmacy business in Ash Grove, Missouri and later moved it to Springfield where it grew into the premier drug wholesaler in southwest Missouri. Mary's family was active in farming and had the largest apple orchards in Missouri. Others in her family, including her father, were interested in practicing law and were noted lawyers in the area. Family stories fostered a love of learning about the history of this community still exist for both of them today.

Mary currently serves as the president of the Board of Directors of History Museum on the Square, has been an active volunteer with the Museum for over 19 years, and has spent the last several years spearheading the development and construction of the Museum's new facility that opened in August of 2019. She and Rick are the co-chairs of the capital campaign for the Museum and she has served as the project manager for the Museum's construction project, overseeing a team of industry professionals, steering the direction of museum content, writing copy and even picking out finishes. This project is one of the largest historic revitalization projects in downtown Springfield. The ultra-modern History Museum on the Square is projected to attract 30,000 visitors each year with galleries featuring the Birthplace of Route 66, the first Wild West shootout with Wild Bill Hickok, and many other stories of the unique Ozarks crossroads.

Rick and Mary have been able to show others that historic buildings and local history are worth preserving. The new facility allows the Museum to provide additional educational and community programming for both children and adults. Downtown is the heart of our community and this museum is the perfect place to tell the rich history of Springfield. So much of the area's history occurred right outside the windows of the Museum—the Trail of Tears, Civil War encampments, the first quick draw shootout in the Wild West, the Butterfield-Overland Stage route, and Route 66. Preserving and promoting this history while also contributing to downtown revitalization and improved tourism is a gift to the entire community.

Their love of this community is only rivaled by the great love they have for their alma mater Greenwood Laboratory School and surpassed by their love for their family. They

have been married for forty-four years and have three children and eight grandchildren.

Rick and Mary's willingness to serve has led them to participate in all parts of the community including boards of major medical facilities, schools, universities, civic organizations, and their church. They have worked tirelessly to better the community they love so dearly. The History Museum on the Square is proud to award them the inaugural William F. "Rick" McQueary and Mary Haseltine McQueary Groundbreaker Award for their years of dedicated service to the preservation and display of the history of Springfield and Greene County. This award will now be presented annually to an individual, family or corporation making significant contributions to the History Museum on the Square and its mission.

Madam Speaker, it is clear the McQueary's have an unbelievable love for their community and its history and am honored to be able to recognize them today.

RECOGNIZING THE WORKERS AT THE ADVANCED MIXED WASTE TREATMENT PLANT

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great respect and gratitude for the 480 men and women of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) as they complete the facility's waste treatment mission for the State of Idaho and the country.

The State of Idaho didn't generate the waste treated at AMWTP, but the citizens of Idaho along with the entire nation benefitted from our nation's unrelenting drive to keep the peace through our strength. In many ways, the waste that the AMWTP team retrieved, characterized, treated, certified, and shipped out of the state was the byproduct of our freedom. It was the legacy of the Cold War. Through their hard work, dedication, and sacrifices, they helped close the chapter on this part of the Cold War.

In addition to the AMWTP employees, we owe Idaho governors Cecil Andrus, John Evans, Dirk Kempthorne, Jim Risch, Phil Batt, C.L. "Butch" Otter, and Brad Little a great thanks for their insistence that this waste would not remain in Idaho in perpetuity over our precious Snake River Plain Aquifer. Our aquifer, our citizens, and our nation are safer with this waste safely disposed of at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

We also owe the Department of Energy (DOE) a heartfelt thank you for committing to this project in the mid-1990s and staying with it until the end. It wasn't easy; it wasn't without contention or disagreements, but all sides worked together for a common goal of success.

The contractors that have been associated with the AMWTP also must be recognized, from BNFL Inc., to Bechtel BWXT, to the Idaho Treatment Group, to the current contractor; Fluor Idaho. The amount of ingenuity, engineering, and technology at this waste treatment facility is unmatched anywhere else in the world. AMWTP, backed by the DOE and its contractors and committed management and employees, had the brawn and brains to

complete its transuranic debris waste treatment mission.

But none of this would have been possible without the men and women of the AMWTP. Each and every one of them made sacrifices to support this mission. They sacrificed quality time with family members to commute to the facility in the early hours of the morning, often leaving at night—never seeing the light of day. They knew they were effectively working themselves out of a job, just as all employees of the Idaho Cleanup Project are doing.

The employees of the AMWTP should be the models for the entire workforce of the DOE Complex. When they encountered challenging waste types and containers, they developed the procedures and processes to safely and compliantly address them. When the specialized equipment didn't exist, they fabricated it, tested it, and put it to work. They adapted and found solutions to the most complex challenges they encountered.

Several more years will be needed to ship out the balance of the 65,000 cubic meters of waste to WIPP. For those who stay with the project, the Idaho Congressional Delegation wishes them the best of luck in safely carrying out the remainder of the shipping mission.

For those who retire, take other jobs in Idaho, or leave to pursue opportunities elsewhere, we wish them the best of luck and again sincerely say thank you. AMWTP and the impact of its workforce to the State of Idaho and the nation will be remembered for generations to come.

DEDICATION OF ONU'S JAMES
LEHR KENNEDY ENGINEERING
BUILDING

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the dedication of Ohio Northern University's James Lehr Kennedy Engineering Building. The 105,000 square foot building is already fostering a community of technological growth, innovation, and collaboration at the university. The additional room and lighting make it easier for students to work with faculty in an environment conducive to learning.

Ohio's 5th Congressional District is home to more than 60,000 manufacturing jobs, and facilities like this state-of-the-art engineering building will help prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow.

The construction of this building would not have been possible without countless people that provided financial support. Special recognition is reserved for James Lehr Kennedy, who has given his continuous support and dedication to the university.

This new facility will provide students with excellent new learning opportunities and will help them to reach their maximum potential. The dedication of this new building is great for students, great for the university, and great for the region. Congratulations to Ohio Northern University!

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF POWER HOPE & GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Power Hope and Grace Bible Church, a house of worship in Detroit, Michigan.

Founded in 1959, Power Hope and Grace Bible Church has persisted and prevailed despite the many changes in the City of Detroit. The church and its congregation have continued to thrive because of their incredible commitment to community service and generosity to those in need. The Power Hope and Grace community has regularly provided assistance and supplies to local shelters for the homeless, runs an annual back to school fair, offering free school supplies, hair cuts, and more, and assists in annual holiday toy drives. Beyond its charitable works, the congregation has been a training site for the Michigan Alliance for Families and participated in the Career Works summer program. In addition to this milestone anniversary, Power Hope and Grace Bible Church recently celebrated the paying off of its mortgage, further cementing this institution as an asset in the community.

Please join me in recognizing Power Hope and Grace Bible Church in honor of their sixtieth anniversary.

HONORING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIG SUR HEALTH CENTER

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Big Sur Health Center. Big Sur Health Center opened in 1979 with a mission to bring quality medical care to the rural community of Big Sur and continues to serve as the only medical facility in the immediate area. The non-profit center provides affordable, culturally sensitive healthcare centering on diverse patient needs to both residents and visitors alike. When it opened, Big Sur Health Center offered services one day a week and facilitated 850 patient visits a year. Recognizing the need in the area and with community-wide fundraising support, the center quickly expanded to a 2,100 square-foot medical facility providing services five days a week. To date, they have administered more than 73,000 patient visits.

In its 40 years of service to the central coast of California, Big Sur Health Center has grown to meet the needs of our local community. Their team has developed vital programs and services, including a pharmaceutical service for urgent care medications and supplies, a fully-equipped dental suite to provide full-service oral healthcare, chiropractic care, acupuncture care, and a multicultural outreach program. Their bilingual staff aims to provide personalized, comprehensive, and holistic care to the diverse cultures and communities in Big Sur.

With unpredictable coastal hazards and frequent geographic and climate challenges, the Big Sur community faces unique medical needs. Big Sur Health Center has responded to these needs by offering 24-hour-on-call service and home visits and coordinates with local emergency teams during extreme weather conditions and natural disasters. In recent years, the center has offered healthcare services to thousands of firefighters during six large-scale fires. They have remained innovative in their response to local needs, working in partnership with medical facilities on the Monterey Peninsula to limit the need for residents to commute 30-miles for laboratory testing and other immediate medical services.

I am honored to recognize Big Sur Health Center and its important contributions to the health of residents on the Central Coast over the past 40 years. They have made incredible progress from their small clinic in 1979 and will undoubtedly continue to evolve with the needs of the community to provide quality, affordable healthcare services to our rural coastline. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating and thanking Big Sur Health Center for 40 years of service to our community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PATRICIA
"TRISH" B. (PAINTER) ANDRE

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Patricia B. "Trish" Andre of Wauseon, Ohio, who left this world for a higher grace-filled existence on Friday, August 2, 2019.

As we remember Trish, we are reminded of a life dedicated to our earth's fabric in agriculture. A graduate of Purdue University, her academic studies were based in science where she received a degree in Agronomy. Serving as a Certified Crop Advisor, a 4-H Advisor, a member of the Ohio Jersey Breeder's Association, and a member of the Farm Bureau, Trish led an extraordinary life dedicated to agriculture.

I can still see her stooping in the fields picking off tiny creatures on plants, studying their meaning, marveling at nature and its infinite connection to a higher cosmos. Her work raising the next generation of her own family and the larger 4-H youth family is legendary. She was a prophetess in her own time.

Trish's deep dedication to agriculture was shared with her loving husband of 34 years, Nathan (Nate) L. Andre who survives her. Nate and Trish formed a strong bond in marriage and as agricultural stewards. He is a proud organic and fanning consultant for Andre Farms, a family-owned business that has served Ohio and Michigan communities for over 60 years. I know Nate will honor his wife's memory by upholding the Andre Farms' mission of integrity driven land stewardship.

As a parishioner of the North Clinton Church in Wauseon, Ohio, Trish was a devout woman of faith. As a member of Gideon International Auxiliary, a Christian nonprofit, and a Bible Quiz Coach, her service to community was firmly rooted in faith.

Trish will be profoundly missed by her friends, family, and the community she served.

My thoughts and prayers are with Nate, their children Perry, Kira, and Ross, and her granddaughter Esther. Although their beloved Trish was taken well before her time, may they find peace in knowing she is peacefully at rest in the earth she faithfully tended. Now her power for betterment of life on earth assumes new dimension and one that is eternal. May God provide her angelic spirit soft clouds and rising suns so her goodness showers upon humankind in unending waves.

HONORING PUBLIC SERVANT
DAVID HIGGERSON

HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor David P. Higgerson on his retirement from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Laredo Field Office.

As Director of Field Operations (DFO) at the Laredo office, Director Higgerson was responsible for enforcement activities at eight international Ports of Entry (POEs), extending from Brownsville to Del Rio, and the Machinery Center for Excellence and Expertise. The eight POEs include 21 vehicle crossings, eight airports, three rail crossings, and one seaport. These crossings are some of the nation's busiest, and Mr. Higgerson's organization safely processed nearly 59.4 million people, more than 21 million vehicles, over 3.5 million commercial trucks, and an excess of \$194 billion in international trade in Fiscal Year 2018. He also served in the Joint Task Force-West, which disrupts transnational criminal organizations from operating in South Texas.

Director Higgerson is a proven leader in the community who leads by example. In 2018, he was awarded the Secretary's Meritorious Service Silver Medal for his leadership and service to the Department of Homeland Security. He also earned the Commissioner's Strategic Problem Solving Award for the South Texas

Railroad Strategic Problem Solving Initiative, and Assistant Commissioner recognition for his outstanding contribution to the Land Border Directive Working Group.

Mr. Higgerson is a graduate of the St. John Military Academy and holds an Associate's Degree in Accounting. After honorably serving in the U.S. Army, he was Customs Inspector at the Panama Canal Zone and was then transferred to Laredo, Texas in 1978. He was also Port Director in Hidalgo-Pharr, Texas, and DFO in El Paso, Texas and Tucson, Arizona.

It has been an honor to work with Director Higgerson for the past seven years. I thank him for his service in keeping our borders safe, while also taking care of our officers on the front line. As we celebrate David P. Higgerson's retirement, I ask my colleagues to join his family, our community, and me in recognizing his legacy and wishing him a happy retirement.