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RECOGNIZING MBMS, INC.

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize MBMS, Inc. as it is honored by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce as the 2013 First Niagara Bank Sponsor's Award winner.

Founded in 1985 by James E. Kunert, MBMS, Inc. initially focused on mortgage servicing system consulting and software development for mortgage servicing and risk management systems.

Under the pressure of an increasingly digital economy, Gary Andalora joined MBMS in 1987 and worked with James to expand the software development business. One year later, MBMS chose to focus on software development exclusively.

Despite initial struggles, by 1992 MBMS had grown into a firmly established company. Today, their clients include 9 out of the 10 largest banks in the nation. MBMS remains American-owned and domestically based, providing all services from their main office in Amherst, New York.

A winner of the "Best Companies to Work for in New York State" for the past four consecutive years, MBMS's loyalty and dedication to their employees undoubtedly contributes to their success.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to recognize MBMS, Inc. for their 27 years of service to Western New York and our nation. I wish them the best of luck in all their future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO THE ATLANTA METROPOLITAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, Atlanta Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our State for the past forty years; and

Whereas, Pastor Chris Montrose and the members of the Atlanta Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our community; and

Whereas, the Atlanta Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally, and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up communities throughout the State of Georgia; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hope-

less, fed the needy, and empowered our community for the past forty (40) years by preaching the gospel, teaching the gospel, and living the gospel; and

Whereas, the Atlanta Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders, and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with the State of Georgia and the world their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Atlanta Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church family for their leadership and service to our district on this the 40th anniversary of their founding;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 30, 2013 as Atlanta Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 30th day of March, 2013.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SEATTLE-TACOMA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac), for earning the 2013 Skytrax World Report Award for Best Airport Staff in North America. The Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is operated by the Port of Seattle.

The Skytrax World Report Awards honors global airport excellence based on 12.1 million customer surveys which evaluate 39 airport service and product performance indicators. The World Airport Awards acknowledge global airport distinction and are known in the industry as the Passenger's Choice Awards.

The Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is the 15th largest airport in the United States and 40th largest in the world by passenger volume, serving over 33.2 million passengers in 2012. Regionally, Sea-Tac generates \$13.2 billion in business revenue and produces and supports 138,000 jobs. The airport houses 23 airlines, which serve 72 non-stop domestic and 19 international destinations.

At Sea-Tac, high-quality services are provided in every aspect of travel, which has contributed to the positive experiences of Sea-Tac travelers. The Port of Seattle values its commitments to both its customers and the region that it serves. The overall friendliness and quality of staff proudly represent the hard-working individuals that drive our regional economy in Washington State and the Pacific Northwest.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and its staff's laudable performance.

RECOGNIZING THE WILLIAMSVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Williamsville Business Association as it is honored by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce as the 2013 Small Business Organization of the Year.

The Williamsville Business Association was established 28 years ago to promote positive economic development in the village of Williamsville. Since its beginnings, the Association has garnered a membership of over 130 business and professional leaders.

The Association is a centralized resource for the business community, government, and village residents, which encourages cooperation between key economic actors in the village. By providing a platform for collaboration, the Association fosters a cohesive vision for the future of Williamsville.

The Williamsville Business Association has been tremendously successful in their mission to transform the village into a destination. Williamsville is known locally, regionally and internationally for its shops, music, arts, and cultural life, regularly attracting from across Western New York and as far away as Canada. Their website features every event and activity occurring in the village, ranging from farmers markets and concerts to the discounts offered by village shops.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for allowing me a few moments to recognize the Williamsville Business Association. I am grateful for their outstanding efforts towards developing Western New York's economy.

TRIBUTE TO MILLER GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following proclamation.

Whereas, only a few schools excel in competition on a state level and our own Miller Grove High School is one of those; and

Whereas, after making state history as the first boys basketball team to win five consecutive state championships; and

Whereas, under the leadership and guidance of Coach Sharman L. White, the Miller Grove High School Boys Basketball team is being hailed as a Georgia basketball dynasty; and

Whereas, the Wolverines of Miller Grove have demonstrated the will to win, the courage to win, the mechanics of teamwork and an astounding spirit of triumph in many mental and physical battles; and

Whereas, the 8th day of March, 2013 will go down in history as the day that our Miller Grove High School Boys Basketball team became the 5 time, 5-A champions of Georgia; and

Whereas, this team has exhibited great moral character on and off the basketball court and throughout the halls of Miller Grove High and the community; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Miller Grove High School Basketball Team for its achievements bringing joy and honor to our District: Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim May 13th as Miller Grove High School Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of May, 2013.

HONORING LAIRD COVEY

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Mr. Laird Covey, who is retiring this month after more than 23 years of dedicated service to the Central Maine Medical Center and the surrounding community.

The State of Maine has long benefited from Laird's tenure in the health care field. In addition to serving as President of CMMC since July 2008, Laird has also helped direct the center as Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Medical Affairs. Outside of CMMC, he spent 3 years serving as Chief Executive Officer at Bridgton Hospital in Bridgton, Maine and was Vice President at North Country Hospital in Newport, Vermont.

Few people can claim to embody the spirit of compassion and community engagement as completely as Laird. He is a proud and active member of the Lewiston Auburn Future Forum, which has been a driving force behind community efforts to make Lewiston and Auburn a better place to live. He has also served as Chairman of the Board at the Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice (AHCH) and as President of the Board at Camp Sunshine, an institution for families of children with life-threatening diseases in Casco, Maine.

In 2011, I was proud to join Laird in announcing CMMC's collaboration with Maine Research Associates on a new medical research expansion project. The study, which focuses on treatments for conditions such as arthritis, diabetes and cardiovascular disease, has enabled hundreds of patients in Maine to access cutting-edge medicines. It also helped draw national attention to the important work being done in Maine to help solve some of our nation's most persistent health challenges. This project would not have been able to move forward so successfully without Laird's leadership.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating Mr. Laird Covey on an exceptional career in the field of public health.

RECOGNIZING TOM ULBRICH

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Tom Ulbrich as he is awarded the 2013 Small Business Advocate of the Year Award by the Amherst Chamber of Commerce.

Few have been so generous with their time and talents as Tom Ulbrich. As one of our

community's most passionate advocates for small business, and a business owner himself, Tom intimately understands the incredible significance of entrepreneurship to the economy and culture of the United States of America.

Tom has selflessly dedicated his personal and professional work to small business advocacy. Tom is a member of the National Federation for Independent Business's New York State Leadership team, and a frequent author and orator on topics concerning the importance of small business and entrepreneurship to the vitality of the American economy.

A testament to Tom's insights is his recent TED talk, "Is There a Better Way?" which explores the necessity of developing entrepreneurial skills and spirit in students from a young age. In a world where modern technology and unprecedented access to information have rendered entrepreneurial skills essential, Tom's keen business sense and inimitable knowledge are invaluable.

Currently, Tom serves as the Executive Director of the University at Buffalo School of Management's Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership. Since assuming the role in 2008, Tom has worked tirelessly to advance the Center's mission of invigorating the Western New York economy and community through entrepreneurial development. Under Tom's direction, the Center has expanded its sophisticated interdisciplinary approach to educating emerging business leaders.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to recognize Tom Ulbrich, a true champion for the American economy.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN OSCAR BOONE, SR.

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our nation is blessed to have this innovator and pioneer touch the lives of thousands through his leadership and service; and

Whereas, Mr. John Oscar Boone, Sr.'s legacy is present throughout the nation and the world for all to see, being the first African American appointed to head a major state prison in the United States, serving many roles in the American Correctional System: Commissioner, Superintendent and Director; he valiantly served our country in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II; and

Whereas, this giant of a man transformed the American Correctional System, he was instrumental in the implementation of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1965 and he represented our nation on an international level, he inspired elected officials, motivated the young and the old, as he accomplished so much during his time on this earth; and

Whereas, this remarkable man gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life; Mr. Boone inspired others to do the same by witnessing him walk the walk and talk the talk, he opened doors for others to enter; and

Whereas, Mr. Boone led by doing behind the scenes and on the front lines for many; Mr. Boone was a husband, a father, a grandfather, a brother and a friend; he was our war-

rior, our patriarch, a man of great integrity who remained true to the uplifting of the community until his end; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow an honorable distinction and recognition on Mr. John Oscar Boone, Sr., for his leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens of Georgia and throughout the Nation; as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby attest to the 112th Congress that Mr. John Oscar Boone, Sr., of Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honorable Distinction": Mr. John Oscar Boone, Sr., U.S. Citizen of Distinction In the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of December, 2012.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF REVEREND DR. SAMUEL BERRY MCKINNEY

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Reverend Dr. Samuel Berry McKinney for his more than 55 years of service and leadership building Mount Zion Baptist Church and the community of Seattle, Washington.

Rev. McKinney moved to Seattle in 1958 to lead one of Seattle's oldest and most prominent Black churches. During his time as Senior Pastor, he mentored over 40 ministers and lectured throughout the nation. With an eye toward the future, Rev. McKinney also oversaw the building of the church's educational unit and encouraged economic development in the church and the community.

Rev. McKinney grew up in Cleveland, Ohio in the 1920s and 1930s as the son of a prominent and politically engaged African-American minister. He attended Morehouse College, where he was a classmate of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. He also served as a minister in Providence, Rhode Island in the mid-1950s.

When Rev. McKinney arrived in Seattle, he quickly became a leader in the movement for human rights, which included playing a major role in the Central Area Civil Rights Committee. Always committed to social justice, he was a founding member of the Seattle Civil Rights Commission and he facilitated the only visit of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Seattle.

In addition, Rev. McKinney was a founder of Liberty Bank, the first African-American-owned bank in Seattle and was the first African-American President of the Church Council of Greater Seattle. He has served on the board of the Meredith Mathews East Madison YMCA, the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, and the Washington Mutual Savings Bank.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the work Reverend Dr. Samuel McKinney has done for his church and the community.