

the future. I wish the leaders and members of the Council the best as they continue to support workers in the building trades by standing up for better wages, safer working conditions, modernized job training, and additional family-sustaining job opportunities for our workforce.

IN HONOR OF GARY GRUNAU

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Ms. MOORE. Madam Speaker, I rise to express my deepest condolences on the passing of Gary Grunau a Milwaukee real estate developer and civic leader. Gary was born on April 17, 1939, in Bay View, Wisconsin, and lived his entire life in Milwaukee. He was a loving husband, father, uncle, grandfather, brother, relative, and friend to many here in Milwaukee.

Gary left his home to attend Cornell University, but knew that Milwaukee was where he belonged. Upon earning his degree in mechanical engineering, he returned home to join Grunau Co. Inc, a business started by his grandfather. In the late 70's, the company was working on the Hyatt Regency construction project in downtown Milwaukee, but Gary had to step in as the developer to complete the project. He was the developer on several major projects in the city including the Wisconsin Center, Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin, Manpower Group World Headquarters, the Milwaukee Riverwalk System, and the former Time Warner Building. However, he is best known for revitalizing the former Joseph Schlitz Brewing Co. complex into one of Milwaukee's most desirable working environments, the Schlitz Park office complex. Gary's projects won numerous awards including the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Achievement Award, The National Council for Urban Economic Development Award and the ULI's 2017-2018 Global Award of Excellence for the Milwaukee Riverwalk, considered among the world's highest honors from land use experts. He also led and served on many boards, including the Milwaukee Academy of Science, Discovery World, Alverno College Board of Trustees, Milwaukee Riverwalk District, Spirit of Milwaukee, and the Greater Milwaukee Committee.

Gary wanted to make Milwaukee a better place for all its residents. He was committed to addressing the racial and economic disparities that have plagued our city. He was disturbed by our city's status as one of the most segregated communities in the country and knew that the lack of affordable housing and support for public schools, prevented the upward mobility for people living in our poorest zip codes. In an article two years ago, Gary said that "Segregation hurts the city's economic competitiveness, but not enough is being done about it . . . the lack of inclusion hurts us downtown. It hurts us in education. It hurts us nationally." He took those words to his heart and didn't simply talk the talk, he walked it; raising millions of dollars to improve education and economic opportunities for the city.

Gary leaves to cherish his memory his wife Joanne; sons Paul (Jeanie) Grunau, Daniel Grunau, and John (Adrienne) Grunau; stepson

Jeff (Kate) MacInnes and stepdaughter Laura MacInnes; grandchildren Grace, Hank, Gus, Sadie, Alex, Jon, Grant, Andrew, Wesley, Darcy, and Wilson Grunau, and many other relatives and friends.

Gary was my friend and while our fights against injustice didn't always go our way, he stayed committed to find a way to solve problems. Even with his illness, he continued forward, focusing on his final project; revitalizing Milwaukee both economically and in terms of racial equity.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons I rise to salute Gary Grunau, a man that has positively impacted the 4th Congressional District, the State of Wisconsin, and the world.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SENIOR CENTER NETWORK

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network. Through its dedicated service and steadfast devotion to its community, the Senior Center has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

In 1964, community leaders Vince and Lou Ecarius launched the Adult Activity Club, a local group that met in the basement of Munson Medical Center. In 1969, the club moved to its current location in Traverse City. Following Vince and Lou's retirement in 1978, the City of Traverse City took up responsibility for the club and organized it as a part of the local government. Thanks to the support of the local community and the tireless efforts of their staff and volunteers, the Senior Center grew into the local institution it is today. Now administered by Grand Traverse County, the Senior Center Network works to provide social, wellness, and educational programs in a fun and inclusive environment for those in the community over 50. In addition to the Traverse City location, the Senior Center Network now includes satellite programming in Interlochen, Kingsley, Acme, and Fife Lake. From dances and social clubs to computer labs and exercise programs, the impact of the center's work on the people of Grand Traverse County cannot be overstated. Day after day, the Grand Traverse Senior Center Network shows what can be achieved when the people of a community work together for the common good.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize the Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network for fifty years of success and service to Northern Michigan. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, September 19, 2019, I was unable to vote on Roll Call No. 538: Passage of H.R. 4378, "Making Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2020, and for other purposes." Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

On Friday, September 20, 2019, I was unable to vote on Roll Call No. 540: Passage of H.R. 1423, "Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act." Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CHIEF DAVID HUERTA

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of Fresno State Police Chief David Huerta. Chief Huerta passed away August 16 at the age of 68.

David was born on May 10, 1951 and was a lifelong resident of Fresno County. He received his bachelor's degree in Organizational Behavior from the University of San Francisco in 1989 and his master's degree in Criminology from California State University, Fresno (Fresno State) in 1992, graduating with distinction.

David's career was dedicated to serving and protecting the people of the Central Valley. He served the Department with the Fresno County Sheriff's office for 30 years, he retired with the rank of lieutenant. His career did not stop at his retirement. David was named chief of police and director of public safety of the Fresno State Police Department in 2004.

At Fresno State, he oversaw 27 officers and over 30 non-sworn full-time staff. Along with many other responsibilities, his department also oversaw the emergency preparedness and business continuity at Fresno State. Because of his diligence, the Fresno State Police Department became an International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (IACLEA) accredited department in June 2019.

In addition to his responsibilities as police chief, David taught criminology classes as adjunct faculty at National University and at the Clovis Unified School District's Regional Occupation Program. He was also a member of the advisory panel of the Public Safety Pathway program at the Reagan Educational Center in Clovis.

David received many accolades during his career. He was awarded a distinguished service medal in SWAT for 22-plus years of work and was named officer of the year by the American Legion, in addition to many honors with the Sheriffs Department.

David is survived by his wife, Cynthia, and their four children, Breanne, Austin, Brandt, Carragan, son-in-law Steve, daughter-in-law Liz and 3 grandchildren, Micaela, Allison, and Brixton. David is also survived by his father Pete, his brother, Michael Huerta and sister, Teresa Larkin.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life and service of Chief David Huerta. Chief Huerta was a selfless man who put others before himself throughout his career. His contributions to the Central Valley will be felt for many years to come. I join his family in honoring his great life.

RECOGNIZING TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. DON BACON

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish both the people of Taiwan and Americans celebrating the upcoming Taiwan's National Day on October 10th a Happy Double Ten Day.

In the decades preceding and following the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, the United States and Taiwan have built a solid bond that cannot be broken—born out of our shared values and our cooperation with each other in times of crisis, and in times of advancement.

During the years, this key ally in the Indo-Pacific has transformed itself into a model of democracy that respects human rights, freedom of speech, rule of law, and market economy. Americans share these values, which is why we have also contributed to Taiwan's success.

In 2018, Taiwan was the 11th largest trading partner for the United States overall, and it is my home state Nebraska's 10th largest export market in the world. Our companies have substantial opportunities to expand their business and cooperation with Taiwan. I will, together with Taiwanese friends, work to find areas where we can partner to our mutual benefit.

This is a day to celebrate, and to be optimistic. I ask my colleagues to join me in recommitting ourselves to the robust U.S.-Taiwan relationship, and in wishing Taiwan a Happy Double Ten Day.

RECOGNIZING TIM CHAMBERS FOR HIS UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. TROY BALDERSON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the unwavering dedication of retired Marine Staff Sergeant, Tim Chambers.

First spotted in 2002, Tim Chambers—better known as “The Saluting Marine”—stood at attention for hours as thousands of motorcyclists rode past during the Rolling Thunder “Ride for Freedom” event in Washington, D.C. Since then, Tim has not missed a Rolling Thunder event. His single salute in 2002 set an example that has since rippled throughout the nation, raising awareness for missing-in-action servicemembers and prisoners of war.

Year after year, Tim continues to give veterans the welcome home they deserve yet did not receive upon returning home from war.

Standing for hours on end in, Tim overcomes physical conditions that would otherwise render him immobile, purely to honor the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

A modern-day hero, Tim selflessly rushed into the Pentagon after the crash of American Airlines Flight 77 during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, without knowing what lay ahead for him, the victims, and our country. Tim stayed three days in the attacks' aftermath to continue rescue operations of his fellow Americans. Even in the most harrowing of times, Tim's love of and dedication to country, along with his profound bravery, has always overcome the most colossal challenges.

A former Marine, Tim now acts as a veterans' rights advocate, ensuring that the men and women who serve our country receive the respect, honor, remembrance, and thanks they deserve.

As I attend the Rolling Thunder event this coming weekend in Columbus, I will think of Tim's honorable dedication to his country and fellow veterans, and all the American servicemembers who may never get their due welcome home. Tim Chamber's devotion to our Armed Forces is felt throughout our nation, and I am humbled to honor him, returning to him the recognition and glory he has shown for his fellow American heroes.

SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT BANKING ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letters of endorsement for H.R. 1595, the SAFE Banking Act.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL,
Washington, DC, May 8, 2019.

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

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

Hon. STENY HOYER,
Majority Leader,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. CLYBURN,
Majority Whip,
Washington, DC.

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

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

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

Hon. STEVE SCALISE,
Minority Whip,
Washington, DC.

Hon. RICHARD J. DURBIN,
Minority Whip,
Washington, DC.

Hon. SHERROD BROWN,
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS: We are a bipartisan group of state and territorial at-

torneys general who recognize that the states, territories and federal government share a strong interest in protecting public safety and bringing grey market financial activities into the regulated banking sector. To address these goals, we urge Congress to advance legislation that would allow states and territories that have legalized certain use of marijuana to bring that commerce into the banking system.

This issue is of broad relevance: for example, thirty-three states and several U.S. territories have legalized the medical use of marijuana. However, because the federal government classifies marijuana as an illegal substance, banks providing services to state-licensed cannabis businesses and even to other companies which sell services and products to those businesses could find themselves subject to criminal and civil liability under the federal Controlled Substances Act and certain federal banking statutes. This risk has significantly inhibited the ability of financial institutions to provide services to these businesses and companies.

Despite the contradictions between federal and state law, the marijuana industry continues to grow rapidly. Industry analysts estimate 2017 sales at \$8.3 billion and expect those totals to exceed \$25 billion by 2025. Yet those revenues are handled outside of the regulated banking system. Businesses are forced to operate on a cash basis. The resulting grey market makes it more difficult to track revenues for taxation and regulatory compliance purposes, contributes to a public safety threat as cash-intensive businesses are often targets for criminal activity, and prevents proper tracking of billions in finances across the nation. Importantly, this measure in no way constitutes an endorsement of any state or territory's specific approach to the legalization of marijuana-related transactions, and the Act is in no way an endorsement for the legalization of medical or retail marijuana in those jurisdictions that choose not to pursue such an approach. But regardless of how individual policymakers feel about states permitting the use of medical or recreational marijuana, the reality of the situation requires federal rules that permit a sensible banking regime for legal businesses.

To address these challenges, we request that Congress advance the SAFE Banking Act or similar legislation that would provide a safe harbor for depository institutions that provide a financial product or service to a covered business in a state that has implemented laws and regulations that ensure accountability in the marijuana industry. An effective safe harbor would bring billions of dollars into the banking sector, enabling law enforcement; federal, state and local tax agencies; and cannabis regulators in 33 states and several territories to more effectively monitor cannabis businesses and their transactions. Compliance with tax laws and requirements would be simpler and easier to enforce with the regulated tracking of funds in the banking system, resulting in higher tax revenues.

Our banking system must be flexible enough to address the needs of businesses in the various states and territories, with state and territorial input, while protecting the interests of the federal government. This includes a banking system for marijuana-related businesses that is both responsive and effective in meeting the demands of our economy. We look forward to working with