

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