for his distinguished service from May 1966 through May 1968.

In December 1966, Specialist McClure arrived in Vietnam where he served the 231st Signal Detachment attached to the 220th Aviation Company, which provided close air support missions in support of the Marines in Phu Bai near Hue. Specifically, Specialist McClure maintained and fixed aircraft navigation and radio equipment for the 220th Aviation Company.

After completing his military enlistment, Specialist McClure worked for Hewlett-Packard in Colorado and Maryland, before he returned to his hometown of Sevierville in 1976.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT BANKING ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Representative Dave Joyce and I introduced the Secure and Fair Enforcement Banking Act, or the SAFE Banking Act. This legislation would prevent federal interference in the relationship between a depository institution and a cannabis or cannabis-associated business. This legislation will also protect these businesses' employees are eligible for federal loans and other banking services like employees of any other legal business.

U.S. cannabis laws are broken, including those that prevent state-legal cannabis businesses from accessing banking services and force regulated businesses to operate fully in cash. To date, 38 states have enacted medical marijuana programs, including 21 states that have also decriminalized broader adult use. However, the conflict between state regulation and federal prohibition prevents many financial institutions, including community development financial institutions, minority depository institutions, and credit unions, from serving cannabis and cannabis-related businesses and their employees. Denying state-legal medical and adult-use cannabis businesses, particularly small and locally owned businesses, access to banking services is untenable. Without access to bank accounts, credit cards, and checks, state-legal cannabis and cannabis-related businesses are forced to operate in cash, leaving them vulnerable to a dangerous and deadly pattern of violent robberies.

The SAFE Banking Act will finally allow state regulated cannabis and related businesses to access banking services. This legislation will save lives and livelihoods.

The House has passed the SAFE Banking Act on a bipartisan basis seven times. I am delighted that the Senate is joining us in making it a priority. I look forward to working with our co-leads and our colleagues in the House and Senate to enact this legislation and end the harmful prohibition on banking services for state-legal cannabis businesses.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to a medical procedure. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 195 (PQ-H. Res. 327), NAY on Roll Call No 196 (H. Res. 327), and YEA on Roll Call No. 197 (H.R. 1353).

HONORING TRAVERSE CITY'S OUTGOING CITY MANAGER, MARTY COLBURN

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Traverse City's outgoing City Manager, Marty Colburn, for his exceptional work since taking the position in 2015. Throughout his time as Traverse City's City Manager, Marty has displayed exceptional professionalism and gained the respect of many in his community.

In nearly eight years as City Manager, Marty has overseen the completion of multiple community projects that have benefited the city and the livelihoods of its residents. From the long-anticipated Boardman Lake Loop Trail to affordable housing projects, Marty has pushed many initiatives over the finish line for the health and well-being of all community members.

Marty's accomplishments are deserving of respect and have had an indelible impact on Traverse City and the surrounding region. The relationships he has forged with local townships and communities will continue to have positive effects for years to come. Marty deserves praise for his time as City Manager and his continued devotion to the community he served.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Marty Colburn for nearly eight years of service as Traverse City's City Manager. On behalf of Michigan's First District, I extend my gratitude to Marty and his family and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING MSG. (RET.) CARL WAYNE NICHOLS

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent MSG. (Ret.) Carl Wayne Nichols for his distinguished service in the U.S. Army.

Hailing from Butler, Tennessee, MSG. Nichols began his service in 1970, during which he toured Vietnam as a member of the 173rd Airborne.

MSG. Nichols continued his service as a member of Operation Desert Storm, and later in Indianapolis, Indiana. Join me in thanking him for his service.