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CALL TO ACTION:

Local Farms Need COVID-19 Relief



Farmers Market Coalition

The majority of farmers selling local foods have suffered severe market disruptions due to COVID-19.

U.S. Representative Alma Adams (NC-12) introduced the Local and Regional Farmer and Market Support Act (HR 8096) in the House of Representatives. The bill is a comprehensive approach to help small and mid-scale farms, farmers markets, and local food businesses cope with the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Local and Regional Farmer and Market Support Act would:

Create a COVID-19 relief payment program for farmers, who sell in local and regional markets, based on their lost revenue.

Ensure Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) producers and low-income communities of color receive equitable access to COVID-19 relief programs.

Provide emergency response grants for farmers markets and local food enterprises to implement public health protections and COVID-19-friendly marketing practices.

Invest in the restoration and enhancement of local and value-added agriculture markets.

Time is running out to get this proposal included in the COVID-19 stimulus package being negotiated in Congress right now. Your voice can make a critical difference and help keep local farms in business.

Call your two U.S. senators and urge them to support local food in the next COVID-19 stimulus bill by introducing a Senate version of the Local and Regional Farms and Markets Support Act.

Find your senators:

www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

Here is a script you may use (adapt as you like):

and I am a constituent and a voter (tell them if you're a farmer!). "Hello, my name is I'm calling to urge you to support small and mid-scale local farms in the next COVID-19 relief package. Three out of four small farms are losing significant income because restaurant, farmers market, and agritourism sales have shrunk due to the pandemic. Many local farms in our community will be out of business by the end of the year if they don't get targeted relief in the next COVID-19 stimulus bill.

Current USDA programs pay local farmers just pennies per pound on the crops they produce, which doesn't come close to the losses local farms are suffering. The Local and Regional Farms and Markets Support Act has been introduced in the House of Representatives as House Bill 8096. Please introduce a Senate companion to House Bill 8096 so our local farms can receive the support that meets their needs in the next COVID-19 stimulus bill.

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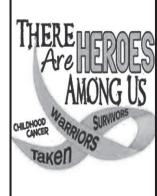
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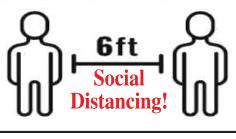
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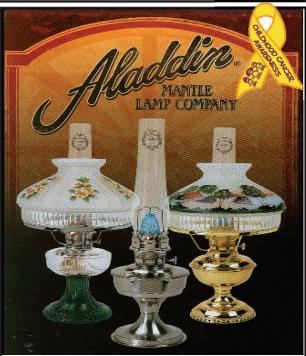
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Roger Mabry

Funeral service for Roger Mabry, age 71, of Brashear, was held Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 10:00AM at Brashear Baptist Church with Brother David Burns, Lance Rogers and Damon Wilks officiating. Serving as pallbearers were Alex Eades, Cody Eades, Bradley Caudle, Bryan Caudle, Owen Lee, Clay Brown. A visitation was scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2020 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Tapp Funeral Home. Mr. Mabry passed away on Monday, August 31, 2020 at his residence in Brashear. He was born on June 3, 1949 to W.E. Mabry and Bessie Morgan Mabry in San Saba. He married Janet Wilks in Sulphur Springs on March 4, 1989. Roger was a sales manager for Coca-cola and Dr Pepper. Mr. Mabry was a member of the Kiwanis from 1988 to 2003. He served as Secretary from 1988 to 1990 and President from 1999 to 2000. He was also in Sulphur Springs Leadership Class of 1993.

Survivors include: wife: Janet Mabry of Brashear; daughters: Mary Eades (Eddie), Eva Lee (Landon) and Jennifer Caudle (Rodney); sons: Matt Adkins (Melissa), Steve Mabry (Diane) and Jerry Petty; grandchildren; Alex Eades, Cody Eades, Britney Bowen, Bradley Caudle, Bryan Caudle, Destini Hood, Kaitlin Petty, Owen Lee, McKenzie Adkins, Montana Adkins, Chelsea Arellano, Stephanie Mabry and Kaytlyn Rodriguez; great grandchildren:18; brothers: Edward Mabry and Larry Mabry; sisters: Sandra Jo Wallis and Reba Dodd.

He was preceded in death by parents: W.E and Bessie Mabry; step-dad: Earl Kear; sister: Dianna Nelson; brothers: Robbie Mabry and John Mabry.



Micheal David "Mike" Watson

Funeral service for Michael David "Mike" Watson, age 67, of Sulphur Springs, was held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 5, 2020 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Ed Lantz and Bro. Jim Moore officiating. Interment followed at Sulphur Springs City Cemetery and Chris Hensley, Tim Hensley, Jonathan Holt, John Sellers, Mark Rainer, Jody Thornton, Matt McCray, and David McGrady served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were the Discover's Sunday School Class of FUMC. A come and go visitation was held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 4, 2020 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Michael passed away on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at Baylor Scott and White in Plano. He was born on October 1,

Methodist Church where he married Susan McGrady on September 17, 1988. He had a great sense of humor. He loved to pull pranks and tell jokes. He spent many years coaching soccer. He took up a love for photography which he learned from his mother. He loved caring for his patients at Rock Creek Health and Rehab where he worked as an LVN for 10 years and had

1952 in Abilene, the son of Jack Wayland Watson and Laurie Jeanne Konczak Watson. He was a member of the First United

just retired in April of 2020. Mike is survived by his wife, Susan Watson of Sulphur Springs, sons, Jordan Watson and wife Laura of Sulphur Springs, Ryan Watson and fiance Amber of Tyler, grandchildren, Braxton and Jaxon Watson of Sulphur Springs, brother, Willis Watson and wife Pam of Granbury, and sister, Laura Butts and husband Don of Bellville. He was preceded in death by his parents.



Glenda Hall

Glenda Kay Hall, age 75, went to be with her Lord on September 6, 2020. She was at peace in her home and surrounded by family. Born on January 29, 1945 in Arden, AR, she was the daughter of the late C.W. and Deffie Matilda Moss. She is preceded in glory by her parents, her brother Ronald Cobb, and her grandson Robert George Damesworth III.

Glenda attended Ashdown High School and graduated in 1963. She graduated from Henderson State University in 1967 with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Sociology. She worked as a schoolteacher at Burke Street Elementary after college, and later spent her life supporting the ministry of her husband, Bro. Tommy Hall.

Glenda's greatest joy was spending time with her family. She had a winsome personality and an easy sense of humor, always bringing a smile to those around her. She will be remembered for her "sayings", well timed and constantly providing laughter party. She will especially be remembered by her family for her famous Thanksgiving dressing, which she always appleared for its

for anyone nearby. She will especially be remembered by her family for her famous Thanksgiving dressing, which she always apologized for its being "dry"—but she would always be pleased and give a wink when there was none left over after the meal. She had a special gift for taking life in stride, and for making sure everyone knew that she loved them "to the moon and back… 10, maybe 11, times". She was always the life of any family gathering. She "ran the show" and made sure everyone knew it.

Glenda is survived by her husband Tommy Hall, son David Hall and wife Carol Hall, daughter Jamie White and husband Clarence White, daughter Kathryn Harvick and husband Michael Harvick, and daughter Jodi Damesworth; grandchildren Heather Roy and husband Chris Roy, John Hall and wife Lacey Hall, Matthew Hall and wife Laura Hall, Clinton Kirby Brown and wife Mia Brown, Kelsey Brown, Caleb Brown, Calli Damesworth, and Caden Damesworth; great-grandchildren Tucker Hall, Abby Roy, Mia Hall, Allie Rose Hall, Andi Hall, Laney Hall, Evan Hall, and Asher Hall; sister-in-law Sarah Cobb; two nieces, Laura Tucker and Katie Cullum.

There may have never been a prouder "MeMe", and there's not a member of her family left unchanged by her fierce love, concern, and dedication.

Glenda's memorial will be celebrated on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 11AM at Davis Street Baptist Church in Sulphur Springs, TX with a visitation beforehand at 10AM. Her earthly body will be cremated, and the ashes will be given to the family to memorialize her as they see fit.

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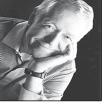
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Once when I was a soldier in Europe we went from Kassel, Germany to Venice, Italy over an 18-hour period of time. Tumbleweed Smith We left one Saturday morning at 6 AM and got to the Venice area at midnight. We spent the rest of that night in Mestre,

a Venice suburb. We were up at 8 AM Sunday and after breakfast we rode gondolas, took some pictures at St. Mark's Plaza saw some fancy pieces of glass and got back in the VW Beetle at noon Sunday. In another 18 hours we were back on post by 8 AM Monday ready to report for duty. It wasn't a leisurely trip by any means, but while we were in Venice we were relaxed and felt like we were lucky to be in such a special place. Shakespeare said "I could be bounded in a nutshell and consider myself the king of infinite space." We felt the same about time. We had a short time to visit, but we felt like we had all the time in the world to spend in

I have traveled from Memphis to Big Spring in one stretch, did the same thing from Big Spring to Tucson. Easy trips, both of them. We aren't doing much travel these days. No airports, No cruise ships. No long car trips. Every once in a while we need to get out of the house and drive somewhere. One afternoon we drove out to Moss Creek Lake and Signal Peak. That gave us the idea to explore Howard County. Our first trip was to Forsan, 15 miles south. Then we went to Coahoma, 8 miles east. We went north to Knott (which has an East Knott, Middle Knott and West Knott). Then we went southwest to Elbow and Lomax. We're looking forward to going to Ross City and Otis Chalk, Vincent and Luther. One of the secrets of having a happy life is always having something to look forward to.

We have a new city by pass called a reliever route, intended to take big truck traffic off our major north-south street. We explored the new highway the other day and discovered that the reliever route adds a couple of miles, but is faster. If you're going from Lubbock to San Angelo on Highway 87 and take the Big Spring exit and go through town, you'll go 10 miles in 18 minutes. If you stay on 87 you'll go 15 miles in 14 minutes. If you take it, you'll see some virgin prairie and some small canyons. It is undeveloped country, no service stations or stores. Yet.

I have no idea when we'll take another cruise or travel across an ocean in an airplane. We do know that our first trips out of town will be to see our kids and grandkids. Our older son lives in Dallas and our younger son lives in Oakland, California. Son number one came out with his family one time this summer but we haven't been with our California bunch in 8 months, the longest we've been apart.



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