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DAVID E. RAINBOLT
Executive Chairman

June 26, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

As you are likely aware, Steve Burrage is currently Chairman of the Board of FirstBank Antlers, a position he has held since 1982. I have always known Steve to have the intellect and the heart that leads to both success and service. His loyalty to Southeast Oklahoma and the State of Oklahoma has been lengthy and stellar. Additionally, the metrics his bank has posted over that 37 year history demonstrate his mastery of running a bank.

It is a privilege for me to recommend Steve Burrage for the Oklahoma Bankers Hall of Fame. In 1995-1996 Steve served as president of the OBA. During Steve's tenure as president, Steve was influential in helping resolve issues affecting the banking industry, both locally and through his roles in the ABA. Steve has always held with the highest regard the mission of the OBA, which is in part advocating the banking industry in Oklahoma.

Probably more pertinent to your difficult assignment of choosing historically important bankers is Steve's leadership outside of the banking industry. To that end, Steve has served in numerous capacities in local and state government. Currently, we know Steve as an Oklahoma Tax Commissioner, where he has served as chairman from 2015 until this year. Prior to that, Steve served as State Auditor, cleaning up a process that predecessors had long ignored. Above all, I know Steve as a community servant, who has been instrumental in keeping his hometown of Antlers prospering for decades. He is a gentleman and someone I could always count on to serve with distinction. I recommend him for induction into the Oklahoma Bankers Hall of Fame without hesitation.

Sincerely,

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David Rainbolt

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G. BRIDGER COX
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
AND PRESIDENT

June 26, 2019

Oklahoma Bankers Association
Attn: Lea Ann Jackson
643 NE 41st Street
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Dear Ms. Jackson,

I would like to present my nomination, Steve Burrage for induction into the Oklahoma Bankers Hall of Fame.

Having known Steve for many years I have had the privilege of witnessing his dedicated work ethic in the banking community. Steve has served with a dedication and strength not found in many individuals. He tirelessly dedicates his time and attention to matters that will have the most positive impact for not only his local communities but on a state and national level for fellow community banks.

Steve understands the importance of what it takes to succeed and has built a legacy of his own in the banking community with FirstBank, in which he took over operation in 1982. Under his guidance and leadership as President and CEO the bank flourished. Steve currently sits as acting Chairman of the Board.

He has been recognized from his work by two past Oklahoma governors by being appointed first as the State Auditor under Governor Henry, then as Tax Commissioner under Governor Fallin. He still currently serves as the Oklahoma Tax Commissioner.

I could list many accomplishments and boards he has been involved with, but his career truly speaks for itself. He is one of the leaders in this industry that will be remembered for many years and looked up to from younger generations coming into banking that have the privilege to meet him.

Respectfully,

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June 26, 2019

Dear Committee,

I would like to present my nomination, Steve Burrage for induction into the Oklahoma Bankers Hall of Fame.

I came to Antlers in 1971 and first met Steve while he was operating his successful CPA practice in the late 70's. I have had the great honor and privilege to personally know Steve not only as a local neighbor in our town of Antlers but in the political realm for our great state. While I served as a State Representative, he served as State Auditor and currently as Tax Commissioner. In 1982 when he took over FirstBank, I was invited to join the board of directors in the same year, in which I still currently reside on.

To personally watch a local businessman take a community bank and grow it in a way for his future generations to take pride in and continue to grow themselves is wonderful to witness. As a local business owner of Pruett's Food who also grew and developed a community business at the same time, you take pride in knowing what you have accomplished. I can truly say with all honesty I am proud of Steve and his accomplishments.

He is family oriented with strong moral fiber and an upstanding individual not only locally but in the capital. He works non-stop to make an influential impact on the banking industry that will not only benefit today's generation but for future generations to come. He loves and supports his family each day and only wants what's best for them and that character bleeds over into his political side. He loves and supports community bankers and only wants what is best for the industry so communities and banks continue to thrive. That is what makes a great leader and man in today's world.

Please consider bestowing the honor of inductee of the Oklahoma Bankers Hall of Fame to Steve Burrage.

Thank you,

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R C Pruett
Former State Representative
Antlers, Ok



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Douglas Tippens
Executive Vice President

June 27, 2019

To The Selection Committee:

This letter is written on behalf of Mr. Steve Burrage, who I've had the opportunity to know and work with for almost 40 years. Steve and I first met when the OBA Young Executives started meeting with a focus on developing bank leadership. It's been fun to watch Steve develop his bank while also defending the public sector, in the State Auditor's Office as well as the Oklahoma Tax Commission. His personality, wisdom and desire to make his community and this State a better place to live in is without question his strong suit.

He has served with distinction as Chairman of the Oklahoma Banker Association and the Oklahoma City Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Every facet of business, board or family he has left in much better shape than when he started. It is without reservations that I recommend Steve for the Oklahoma Banker Association Hall of Fame.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas E. Tippens".

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