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LATE BANKER HONORED WITH BANKING ADVOCACY AWARD

Richard L. Graver Posthumously Receives 2021 William S. Latoff Advocacy Award

Harrisburg – The Pennsylvania Bankers Association (PA Bankers) posthumously awarded Richard Graver, chief lending officer, The Victory Bank, with the 2021 William S. Latoff Advocacy Award.

The award recognizes an individual who is an active policymaker with PA Bankers, an outspoken and successful advocate for the industry and a supporter of the Pennsylvania Bankers Public Affairs Committee (PaBPAC).

“Rich was an active supporter of the association, always finding a way to advocate for the industry, The Victory Bank and the community he served,” said Wes Weymers, PA Bankers’ chair and executive chairman of The Gratz Bank. “PA Bankers and industry colleagues were extremely fortunate to have worked alongside Rich for so many years, and we are grateful for the example he set as a banker and community leader.”

Throughout his tenure as a PA Bankers volunteer, Graver was an officer for the association’s Group 2 region in the greater Philadelphia area; a member of the association’s many working groups on various legislative issues; and the 2021-22 Government Relations Policy Committee chair. As the Government Relations Policy Committee chair, Graver also served as vice chair of the association’s Advocacy Committee and a 2021-22 PA Bankers board member. Graver was also active in the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

Joe Major, president & CEO of The Victory Bank, accepted the award on Graver’s behalf at the PA Bankers 2021 Convention, the association’s annual event that brings the leaders of Pennsylvania’s banking industry together.

The award honors the late William S. Latoff, former chairman and CEO of DNB First – National Association in Downingtown. Latoff was the chair of the PaBPAC Board of Directors from 2007-10, a PA Bankers Government Relations Policy Committee member, the chairman of the Nominating Advisory Committee of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and a representative to the American Bankers Association’s BankPAC Committee.

PA Bankers has been bringing banks and bankers together for more than 125 years to learn, grow, serve and engage with their peers, communities and lawmakers. The association has built a strong reputation as a leading advocate for banking policies at the state and federal levels, as well as the delivery of quality education, products and services for banks of all sizes and their employees. Follow the Pennsylvania Bankers Association on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter (@PABankers).

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