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## **JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAINE BANKS AND THEIR EMERGING LEADERS**

**WHEREAS**, Maine's 31 retail banks are committed to serving the needs of their customers and communities within all 16 Maine counties. Maine banks employ more than 9,000 Maine citizens and recognize emerging leaders for further educational opportunities and development in order to position the banking industry and Maine for the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine's banks and their employees are a critical component in keeping the State's economic engine moving forward. Maine's banks have assets exceeding \$28,000,000,000 deployed throughout the State. In 2017, those banks lent over \$3,100,000,000 to Maine businesses and more than \$2,100,000,000 to Maine citizens who were purchasing or refinancing homes; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine's bankers believe that a vibrant state economy helps to ensure continued prosperity for the State's business climate and adds jobs for people in Maine communities. Banks are partners in their communities and can only grow and be successful if those communities thrive and prosper; and

**WHEREAS**, Maine's banks donated more than \$12,300,000 to Maine charities in 2017, and their employees raised over \$459,000 for community causes in addition to volunteering more than 194,000 hours in their communities; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize Maine's banks, their emerging leaders and all bank employees for their positive contributions and the significant role they have played in the lives of Maine citizens and their communities. Their service and dedication to this State are a tribute to those values and principles that we all hold dear; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Bankers Association and its 31 member retail banks.