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The 6th Decade



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Curb Records celebrates its 60th anniversary this year. Together we have created what many people refer to as the largest independent record company in the country that is independently distributed. Curb Records is the oldest active record company still operated by its original owner, and we have created numerous jobs, started many artistic careers, and most importantly, developed the Curb colleges and supported over 150 charities. We are proud that we made it through the pandemic with all jobs intact because of the inspiring positive strengths of our artists, our employees, our friends in all forms of media, and the creative synergies that come from our songwriters, producers, engineers and all who are part of the making of music. It is almost impossible to explain and thank the number of people contributing to the process of creating a major hit record. We have chosen to include important moments-some celebrated and others behind the scenes-responsible for our success, hoping to encourage those who may consider a career in the music and entertainment business. Years ago as I approached the 'normal' retirement age, I decided not to quit working but to re-evaluate my involvement in the day-to-day affairs of the company and Foundation. The events in this update occurred after my 65th birthday, through the creative abilities, passion, and the talents of all the fabulous members of our Curb team. Our previous 50-Year book and this 6th decade update continue to illustrate the importance of being involved in all genres of music: for example, in virtually every one of our 60 years we have embraced rock, country, pop, R&B, international, gospel, and television and motion picture soundtracks.

I have included my experience in public office as Acting Governor, Senate President, and Lt. Governor of California as encouragement for young people to become involved in some form of public service. We live in the greatest country in the world where so many of our great patriots have made major sacrifices, and we owe it to them to do everything we can to make sure that their sacrifices were not in vain. Our government relationships continued through the Curb Event Center at Belmont with two Presidential debates, initially between President Barack Obama and Senator John McCain and in 2020 between President Donald Trump and President Joe Biden.

My life really came full circle this past decade. I was part of the Centennial Celebration and a founder of the Institute of my mentor and friend, Ronald Reagan. Curb Records achieved its 400th Number 1 hit; our Curb/Agajanian Racing Team had its 1,000th motorsports victory; and our team with Bryan Herta won the historic 2011 Centennial Indianapolis 500 with driver Dan Wheldon and won the historic 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 in 2016 with Alexander Rossi. We also won another NASCAR championship in 2024.



We are proud to sponsor the new Linda and Mike Curb Gallery at the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, TN led by Dr. Russ Wigginton who helped create The Curb Institute at Rhodes College with Dr. Bill Troutt. We are also opening the new massive Women's Homeless Rescue Mission, led by Glenn Cranfield, and the Hall Of Fame Gallery at the Dove Center in Nashville, TN led by Jackie Patillo. Under the leadership of President Michael Sticka, the Curb Gallery and Cafe were established at the GRAMMY Museum

in Los Angeles along with the Curb Careers in Music Fund, a program for underserved students.



I was honored by the GRAMMY Museum as a Music Icon and had the honor of winning a GRAMMY with Paul Kwami.



We also participated in establishing the GRAMMY Museum in Nashville, TN with Joe and Linda Chambers at the Musicians Hall of Fame & Museum where I am proud to be a member of their Hall of Fame.



Most of all I was proud to receive an honorary degree from Fisk University alongside U.S. Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi. Fisk is an historic African American University where I served on their Board for many years and I was also proud to serve as the Co-Chairman of their 150th anniversary celebration.



I have celebrated over 50 years with my wife, Linda.

Thanks to Linda, we have 2 beautiful daughters. Megan and her husband, Dr. Brian Cox, gave us 4 grandchildren, Catie, Brandon, Connor Michael and Ethan. Our other daughter Courtney and her husband, Taylor Childress, gave us a grandson, Carter Curb, and a granddaughter, Caroline Curb. Linda and I are very proud of our godson, Colin Michael and all of his accomplishments.



We are also proud of Norm and Carole's daughter, and my goddaughter, Caroline and her husband, Teddy Picha, their 2 sons Remy and Dutch and their daughter Eloise Estelle, named after my mother and my grandmother.

During the past decade I lost my mother who was preceded in death by my father 20 years earlier, both of whom were wonderful parents. I had 4 amazing grandparents and though they struggled financially, they inspired me with their dedication to family, faith, community and public service.



We all stand on the shoulders of our ancestors. They showed us the importance of hard work, community participation, a positive attitude, and the realization that we can't be successful by ourselves.



I grew up in Los Angeles, starting public school in Compton (near Watts), and later in public schools in the San Fernando Valley where I also delivered newspapers. I thank Cal State Northridge for allowing me, as a 17-18 year old student in 1962-63, to work in the music room to write and record songs and start my record company. I have worked throughout my life to create Public Sector/Private Sector partnerships to offer opportunities to others. One of the greatest examples of this is the Mike Curb College at Cal State Northridge, including The Soraya Center for the Performing Arts and the Channel Island studios, with over 6000 students. Most of all, we are extremely proud of our Mike Curb College at Belmont in Nashville with over 3000 students, and our new massive Music Row campus expansions. We are proud of our colleges and programs at Daytona State, Rhodes in Memphis, Arizona State, Baylor, University of Hawaii, Claremont McKenna, Neve Yerushalayim, Bethune-Cookman, UCLA, Occidental, Fisk, and The Curb Center at Vanderbilt. A digital version of our books can be found on my website, mikecurb.com, where it is continually updated through our 60th Anniversary and beyond. I would like to thank everyone for the important roles that you have played in helping us reach our 60th year.



I was very saddened to lose my Brother-in-law Dr. Norm Nemoy who was married to my sister Carole for 30 years. Nevertheless, we're proud to continue our long relationship with Norm's son, John, who is an executive at our company. In Norm's honor, Curb established a scholarship with the Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra.



Mike Curb, 2025