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First-Ever High Times Business Summit Convenes Cannabis Experts In Politics, Finance, Health Care & Agriculture This Week In Washington, D.C.

Senator Bernie Sanders To Be Among First Recipients of the High Times Trail Blazer Award For Helping Pave the Path to Legalization

Speakers Include Congressional Members Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and Rep. Alan Grayson (D-FL)

Dr. Raphael Mechoulam, aka The "Father of Cannabis," To Make Rare Appearance Via Live Stream -- His Research Credited with Establishing Medical & Other Legal Marijuana Uses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- High Times, the leading authority in the Cannabis business — one of the fastest-growing industries in North America and a marketplace on pace to be a \$36 billion annual industry — is set to convene in Washington, DC this week for the first-ever **High Times Business Summit**, to be held at the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Avenue NW on December 14-16th.

The Business Summit kicks off this evening with the inaugural **High Times Trail Blazer Awards**, which will honor, among its first recipients, **Presidential Candidate and Senator Bernie Sanders (D-VT)** for his leading role in the legalization of cannabis. Over 50 other companies and individuals will also be honored for innovation, entrepreneurialism and activism in this emerging business category. The invitation-only awards ceremony is from 6-9 p.m.

"Rarely has one industry displayed the promise, growth and societal benefits as cannabis. Considering the importance of the upcoming presidential campaigns and candidates' positions on legalization, it was essential to host our inaugural Business Summit here in D.C.," said David Kohl, President and CEO of High Times. "Cannabis is already legally accessible to more than half of the US population, and the majority of Americans are in favor of legalization. High Times, as the long-time leading authority in the cannabis sector, has a mission of 'Cultivating Truth in Cannabis' and thus knows it is the perfect time to gather some of the most important minds, influencers and political leaders for what is the first in a series of cannabis business-centric conferences."

On Tuesday, December 15 and Wednesday, December 16, the Summit opens to the public and will feature dozens of highly respected experts from the worlds of policy, politics,

business, healthcare and more in keynote talks, panel discussions and seminars, including two members of Congress: **Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)**, who will speak Wed. 12/16 at 11:45 a.m. about federal marijuana policy, and **Rep. Alan Grayson (D-FL)**, who is slated to speak Wed. 12/16 11:30 a.m. Also making a rare US appearance is **Dr. Raphael Mechoulam**, the Lionel Jacobson Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Natural Products at Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Mechoulam, known as the "**Father of Cannabis**" from his research isolating THC, helped to usher in medical and other legal uses of marijuana will address the conference from Israel via live video stream, The Doctor will take questions fielded on site and via social media. The speaker and seminar agendas are available at <http://www.hightimesbusiness.com/#business-summit-speakers>. (OR-D)

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The conference is hosted by **Kohl** and long-time **High Times Magazine Editor-in-Chief Dan Skye**. Presenting partners of The High Times Business Summit are **GfarmaLabs**, makers of high quality cannabis brands Liquid Gold and GSTiks; and **Moxie Seeds and Extracts**, makers of Cannabis Cup-winning edibles and other cannabis products.

About High Times

For more than 40 years, *High Times* — the iconic and authoritative media company in the cannabis business — has been educating the cannabis community by leading the fight for legalization and empowering entrepreneurs in this burgeoning industry. *High Times'* content spans digital, social, video and print platforms as well as location-based events highlighted by the global Cannabis Cup franchise and the High Times Business Summit. Follow @HTBizSummit on Twitter for highlights.

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