*Dedication of a state historical marker*

Greetings to all of you on behalf of Governor Josh Shapiro and the members and staff of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Commonwealth's official history agency. I’m Jennifer Robinson, Director of Preservation Services at the Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia and Vice-Chair of the Pennsylvania Historic Review Board.

I want to congratulate you on dedicating today the newest of nearly 2,600 historical markers that have been erected across the state. These markers chronicle the people, places, and events that have made this Commonwealth notable.

The historical marker program, which had its beginnings in 1946, is now one of the most popular programs of the Historical and Museum Commission. Each marker establishes an important link to the past. It is my hope that this marker will not be the end of the story but will, instead, provide encouragement for further study and discussion.

Historical markers speak to us and to future generations about labor and military history, literature and early American thought, the history of government and politics, African Americans, artists and performers, education, science and medicine, the environment, Native Americans, outstanding women, and so much more. These single threads are woven into the great tapestry which is our rich and diverse heritage.

I know I speak on behalf of all of our commissioners and staff when I extend my appreciation to Mark and the Charles Brockden Brown Society for your efforts regarding the **Charles Brockden Brown** marker.

Thank you.