

record crowd of 31,311 filled Qwest Field to witness the Seattle Sounders 2–1 victory over the Columbus Crew to win the 2010 Open Cup for the second consecutive time on October 5, 2010.

The Sounders have won the hearts of the Greater Seattle Community through their dedication and passion for the game. The players have been great role models for our community. In their ongoing commitment to the community and fans, minority owner Drew Carey established The Alliance, which is the Seattle Sounders Football Club Members Association. The Alliance is the only United States professional sports members association that allows its fans to vote on the direction and decisions of the team. The Alliance establishes true Democracy in sports.

The Seattle Sounders Football Club earned their championship through hard work, commitment, and support. Coach Sigi Schmid, who now leads Major League Soccer in career victories, leads the team of 28. Team members include Osvaldo Alonso, Terry Boss, David Estrada, Brad Evans, Alvaro Fernandez, Michael Fucito, Leo Gonzalez, Taylor Graham, Alex Horwath, Jhon Kennedy Hurtado, Patrick Ianni, Nate Jaqua, Kasey Keller, Roger Levesque, Tyrone Marshall, Miguel Montano, Fredy Montero, Blaise Nkufo, Pat Noonan, Sanna Nyassi, Jeff Parke, James Riley, Zach Scott, Mike Seamon, Peter Vagenas, Tyson Wahl, O'Brian White, and Steve Zakuani.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Seattle Sounders Football Club for their successful season and their second consecutive U.S. Open Cup Championship.

CONGRATULATING MAURICE J. McDONOUGH HIGH SCHOOL RAMS ON THEIR VICTORY IN THE MARYLAND 2A FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 7, 2010*

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Maurice J. McDonough High School Rams from Charles County on their victory in the Maryland 2A football State championship. In the December 4 championship game, the Rams defeated Middletown High School by a score of 21–14 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.

Congratulations are especially due to coach Luke Ethington, who led an outstanding group of athletes to their first championship since 1990, to the players, and to all of the fans. This championship is the product of exceptional athletes and coaches, untold hours of hard work, and the passionate support of the community. I'm very proud of this team, and I congratulate all those involved in bringing home the championship title.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATHWAYS PA FOR 32 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA AREA

### HON. JOE SESTAK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 7, 2010*

Mr. SESTAK. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Pathways PA which this year celebrates 32 years of service to low-income women, children and families in the Greater Philadelphia area by helping them achieve economic independence and well-being. In these times of extraordinary economic hardship, this organization had stood tall to better equip disadvantaged families with the skills and tools needed to succeed in the workplace and create a safe and secure home.

This dedicated group also offers job skills program wherein participants receive career counseling, computer and job training, and job placement services. For those transitioning from temporary assistance programs to the workforce, Pathways PA's EARN Center offers free services and incentives to prospective employers and employees. In addition to offering General Adult Education and Adult GED classes, Pathways PA is also a founding member of Families That Work, an organization that offers adult literacy classes.

In addition to offering support and services, Pathways PA also publishes reports on issues important to Pennsylvanians such as Self-Sufficiency Standard for Pennsylvania, Ready to Compete? Pennsylvania's Community Colleges, and Elder Economic Security Initiative for Pennsylvania. These reports help raise awareness about issues that are imperative to the well-being and success of working families throughout the Greater Philadelphia region.

This superbly led organization provides invaluable services to more than 6,000 displaced and disadvantaged families in Southeastern Pennsylvania every year. They provide a prescription drug discount program, which offers discounts of up to 85%, to help people who don't have prescription drug coverage or who take prescription drugs not covered by their insurer.

The work that Pathways PA has dedicated 32 years to is absolutely vital and ensures that all Pennsylvanians have the opportunity to become self-sufficient. I speak for all residents of the Seventh Congressional District of Pennsylvania in thanking Carol Goertzel, President and CEO, and the remarkable staff of Pathways PA for their unyielding and compassionate dedication to helping working families in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

IN HONOR OF REB MONACO

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, December 7, 2010*

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reb Monaco, a model public servant on the occasion of his retirement from the San Benito County Board of Supervisors. I have

had great pleasure in working with Reb. I am proud to honor my friend and thank him for his service.

Reb is a second generation Californian. He grew up in Santa Clara County. He graduated from Santa Clara High School and went on to pursue an undergraduate degree from San Jose State University. He also holds a Masters Degree from the University of California Santa Cruz.

In 1968, Reb decided to settle in San Benito County and began his career in public education. He taught grades 6th, 7th, and 8th to special education students in the Hollister School District for 32 years. He also served as adjunct faculty at Gavilan Community College for 14 years teaching health education to college students.

While Reb retired from teaching he still had no desire to stop working. Instead he ventured into a new career in politics. He ran for County Supervisor and was successfully elected to the San Benito County Board, District 4 on November 5, 2002. Reb was subsequently re-elected to serve a second term in 2006. During his tenure he served as Chairman of the Board in 2005 and 2010. He has also served on various committees during the past 8 years including, County Supervisors Associations of California, Local Agency Formation Commission, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District and the Veteran's Park Commission. He also served on the Hollister Hills Advisory Committee, National Association of Counties and the following sub-committees: New County Courthouse Project Advisory Group, Courthouse Security Project, In Home Support Services Negotiations, Budget, General Plan Element-Economic Development, Southside Building Use, Juvenile Justice Commission, and the Redevelopment Agency Revolving Loan Fund Board, to name a few.

It has been a pleasure working with Reb on legislation to elevate the Pinnacles National Monument into a full fledged national park. Reb has been the Godfather behind the proposal and every time I see him he reminds me of the work that must be done. Reb has personal connections to the lands in the Pinnacles area and understands the economic development that the park will bring to the region. I admire his tenacity and persistence to continue to push for a Pinnacles National Park.

Reb was a founding member of the California Blacksmith Association, which is composed of diverse group of men and women who have a common interest in working on hot iron metal. The group is dedicated to keeping the art and tradition of blacksmithing alive. Reb is also a 32 Mason one of the highest honors for this national an international freemasonry organization. Reb has many other hobbies and I hope he uses this time to indulge in those things that he likes the most. I know that his wife Jill, two children and grandson are all looking forward to spending more family time together.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the House of Representatives, I would like to extend our nation's deepest gratitude to Reb Monaco for all of his years of service. He is retiring from the board but I know that he will continue to be involved in the community in other capacities.