

a better place to call home thanks to his championing of its people.

During his time in executive office, Mayor Jones has overseen significant population growth, the development of countless new housing units, a sharp increase in commercial activity, abundant construction, an uptick in revenue, and a decrease in crime rates throughout the City of Grandview. With a population of over 25,000 people, Grandview is well served by its insightful Mayor and the determination with which he approaches the challenges facing everyday people. From repairing streets and sidewalks, to revitalizing public parks, Mayor Jones has consistently delivered tangible results for the people of Grandview while acting as a faithful steward of the tax dollars to which the City is entrusted.

Beyond his responsibilities as Mayor and a member of several boards of directors, Mayor Jones retired from Sprint/T-Mobile after working in various positions within the company for 34 years. Mayor Jones is the recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award from Metropolitan Community College-Longview and the 2019 Jane Bryan Distinguished Alumni Award. He has served on past and current ad hoc committees with the Little Blue Valley Sewer District Board of Trustees and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8100. Additionally, Mayor Jones served our country in uniform and achieved the rank of Lieutenant Commander as a Supply Corps Officer in the U.S. Naval Reserves. Grandview's mayor has never failed to lead by example, and his years of service to his community and our Nation will continue to inspire for generations to come.

On behalf of the 118th Congress, I applaud Mayor Jones for serving the good people of Grandview, Missouri for the last 25 years in elected office. Mayor Jones' outstanding record of public service should serve as an example for people throughout this great country, and I want to wish the Mayor all the best in the years to come.

#### HONORING BONDURANT-FARRAR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKET- BALL FOR WINNING THE CLASS 3A BASKETBALL STATE CHAM- PIONSHIP

#### HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2023*

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bondurant-Farrar Bluejays boys high school basketball team for winning the Class 3A Basketball State Championship beating the Cedar Rapids Xavier Saints.

Bondurant-Farrar Bluejays and Cedar Rapids Xavier Saints put up nothing short of exciting basketball throughout the whole game of the Class 3A State Championship.

The Bluejays had a perfect, undefeated season coming into the final game, with exceptional execution of timely plays and solid free throws to beat the Saints 58 to 55.

This was not without a fight as the Saints led the Bluejays almost the whole game.

In fantastic fashion of what Iowans love to see in a final game, the ball went back and forth till the very last second of it.

This was true championship level basketball by both teams.

Congratulations to Bondurant-Farrar Bluejays high school boys basketball team for a heck of a season and a thrill of a championship game.

Congratulations are in order as well for the coaches, staff, and dedicated parents.

They have made me proud to call Bondurant home.

#### RECOGNIZING FIRST UNITED BANK

#### HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2023*

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, today, I celebrate the grand opening of a very impressive building in my hometown of Moore, Oklahoma. First United Bank, which is based in Durant, Oklahoma, has a long history of community service and working with community members to achieve their financial goals while lifting up those around them.

First United Bank has reinforced its commitment to the Moore community with a building that will not only house all its financial partners and services under one roof but will also serve as a community center for Moore and the greater Oklahoma City Metro. In keeping with First United's other locations, there will be free community spaces; lobby items that celebrate and educate on the Bank's four pillars: financial wellbeing, personal growth, health & wellness, and faith; food truck hook-ups; training rooms; and a large space that community members can use to host events free of cost. This is a multi-million-dollar investment in the Moore community.

As a lead up to the actual grand opening, First United Bank hosted several events and activities for the residents of Moore and the surrounding community to participate in. These events included a blood drive, a free shred day, a pastor appreciation luncheon with a renowned author and theologian, and a book fair where each student at a local elementary school received two free books courtesy of the bank. I am grateful for the work of First United Bank and its commitment to help others "Spend Life Wisely," and I celebrate the opening of this incredible building.

#### HONORING THE ACCOMPLISH- MENTS AND LEGACY OF MR. COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR (RET) JAMES A. MCNAIR

#### HON. PATRICK RYAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2023*

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Mr. Command Sergeant Major (ret) James A. McNair, devoted husband to Esther G. McNair (deceased); beloved father, grandfather, and great grandfather; decorated veteran; cherished friend and admired mentor, passed away in El Paso, Texas, on March 31, 2023.

James McNair was born the 11th child of James and Mary Magee McNair on their 100 acre family farm in Mt. Olive, MS. He and his siblings would work on the farm before heading off to school each day. At Lincoln High

School, he drove a school bus to help ensure other students got to and from school safely. He graduated from high school early and entered the United States Army. Soon after, while visiting his brother in Tuskegee, AL, James met his love, Esther Greene. They shared a passion for dancing, family, education, and service. They were soon married and journeyed through life together until her passing in 2005.

CSM McNair served in the U.S. Army for 30 years, including serving at Ft. Bliss, TX, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, Alaska, Europe, and Korea. He received many commendations, medals, and awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal and the Legion of Merit. He retired in 1985 and was recognized on the floor of the United States House of Representatives for his distinguished service, saying "His outstanding service to his country will long be remembered by his fellow soldiers and greatly appreciated by his fellow Americans."

After retirement, he and his wife worked in Civil Service for the U.S. Army at Fort Bliss, TX until he retired again in 2004. He subsequently served the Texas Department of the American Legion in many roles, including Texas Department Commander and Trustee. He was an advocate for increased membership, soldier and veteran education, female service members, and veterans' rights. His motto was "Results Count." In appreciation of his community service, the Mayor and City Council of El Paso proclaimed September 20, 2008 "James McNair Day."

He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Esther Greene, his son Tyrone Greene McNair, his parents, and his 10 siblings: Costee, Sr. (Johnnie Lee), Mertis C., Johnnie Mae Barnes (Ervin, Sr.), Geneva Bacot, R.P. McNair (Elizabeth), Alfred Earl "Terrell", Sr. (Irma), Zella D. "Dull" Weathersby (Arties), Eugene "Nick" (Laura), Governor "Bone", and Willine Ward (Eugene "Harry").

He is survived by his children, Reverend Dr. Christopher McNair (Lisa), Minneapolis, MN, LTC (ret) James McNair (Corinne), Vilseck, Germany, Mr. Kerry McNair (Wendy) Atlanta, GA, Mrs. Valerie Hill (Edward), Pflugerville, TX, and Mrs. Janise McNair Diggins, Ph.D., (Clarence), Gainesville, FL, two sisters-in-law: Irma McNair, Ocean Springs, MS, and Laura McNair, Collins, MS, his 15 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. James A. McNair was a humble and selfless patriot. It is my privilege to rise in recognition of his life of service and to honor his memory.

#### HONORING JANE DALLEN HAGEDORN

#### HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 25, 2023*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise to honor the life of my good friend, Jane Dallen Hagedorn, who passed away on March 14, 2023, in Sacramento, California. Jane was not only a close friend of mine, and someone I knew for many years, but she was a friend to Sacramento—someone who spent her life dedicated to enriching our community. Jane was committed to public service and championed healthcare and the environment.