

High School football team that won the state championship in 1943. He graduated from the College of Santa Fe in 1951 with a degree in business administration but devoted his life to education.

Married to Bernadette Ortiz in 1958, Bouncer Sena was the father of one son and three daughters who gave him six grandchildren. Bouncer was a family man, proud of his Spanish heritage. He loved the annual traditions of Fiesta de Santa Fe and the Procession.

Bouncer Sena was the vice principal for 25 of the 33 years he was employed by Santa Fe High School. During his years at the school he coached the sophomore basketball team and is also credited with creating the Career Day program. He was well-liked and respected by the students, their parents and his co-workers at the school.

Political aspirations led Bouncer Sena to seek and win two terms on the Santa Fe County Commission. While serving on the Commission, he was instrumental in the creation of the Santa Fe Water Board. He was named Chairman of the Santa Fe County Commission in 1978.

Mr. Speaker, in 1990, Bouncer Sena was named a "Living Treasure of Santa Fe," undoubtedly for his dedication and good works in the community. Many people were touched by his kindness over the years. Bouncer Sena was truly a unique individual who will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

HONORING FRANK T. MAZIARSKI,
CRNA, MS, CLNC PRESIDENT OF
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
NURSE ANESTHETISTS

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 11, 2005

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to an outstanding representative from the 1st District of the great State of Washington, Frank Maziarski, CRNA, MS, CLNC. Mr. Maziarski will soon complete his year as national president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). I am very pleased that this son of Washington was tapped as the 2004–2005 president of this prestigious national organization, and I am honored to count him as one of my constituents.

The AANA is the professional organization that represents more than 33,000 practicing Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs). Founded in 1931, the AANA is the professional association representing CRNAs nationwide. As you may know, CRNAs are anesthesia professionals who administer approximately 65 percent of all anesthetics given to patients each year in the United States. They work in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered including hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms, ambulatory surgical centers, and the offices of dentists, podiatrists, and plastic surgeons.

CRNAs provide anesthesia for all types of surgical cases and, in some states, are the sole anesthesia providers in approximately 70 percent of all rural hospitals, affording these medical facilities obstetrical, surgical and trauma stabilization services.

Mr. Maziarski earned his Master of Science (MS) degree and his Bachelors of Science degree in nursing (BSN) from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He was educated in the art and science of Nurse Anesthesia at the Albany Medical Center, School of Nurse Anesthesia, Albany, NY. He spent 21 years as an officer in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, first as an anesthesia provider and then as an educator in the Academy of Health Sciences Schools of Nurse Anesthesia and was a Director of the Phase I (clinical) and also a Director of Phase II (academic) portions of the Nurse Anesthesia programs. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel at Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas. He also spent one year as Chief Nurse Anesthetist of the 93rd Evac. Hospital, in Long Binh, Viet Nam during July, 1968–July, 1969. He is currently a practicing nurse anesthetist and owner of Allied Anesthesia Associates, which provides anesthesia services in and around the Shoreline, Washington area, in my congressional district.

Mr. Maziarski has held various leadership positions in the AANA as President-Elect, Vice-President, and Regional Director before becoming the National President of the AANA in 2004. In addition, Frank has served terms as President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Treasurer, and as a Member of the Board of Directors for the Washington Association of Nurse Anesthetists (WANNA). He was also appointed by Governor Gary Locke to the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission from 1997–2004 and was elected as its chair twice during his tenure.

Adding to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Maziarski has been recognized for both publishing and speaking on anesthesia-related topics over the years. He has taken his experience and knowledge from the workplace and AANA leadership roles to lecture on political and academic anesthesia related topics before different professional groups. During his AANA Presidency, Mr. Maziarski has played important roles in advocating for the practice of nurse anesthesia and its patients before Medicare and other Federal agencies, promoted anesthesia patient safety through vigorous participation in the interdisciplinary National Quality Forum (NQF), and advanced principles of wellness among practitioners in this high-stress profession. In addition, Mr. Maziarski directed that the AANA be represented before three key subcommittees of this Congress, in which members of this organization testified about the importance of nurse anesthesia education, the roles and contributions of CRNAs in the Veterans' Affairs health system, and the dedication with which CRNAs have provided safe anesthesia care to members of the U.S. Armed Forces at home and abroad.

It is my understanding that under Mr. Maziarski's leadership, the AANA continued to foster an important line of communication with the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA). While these organizations of anesthesia professionals have not always seen eye-to-eye, both the AANA and ASA are working to ensure the safe administration of powerful anesthesia drugs, and have shared interest in patients' safe access to anesthesia care with respect to Medicare regulations governing locked anesthesia carts. These two societies' professional working relationship may not have been possible without the continued ini-

tiative of AANA President Maziarski and his ASA counterpart.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Mr. Frank Maziarski, CRNA, MS, CLNC, for his notable career and outstanding achievements.

TRIBUTE TO ELISSA
GIAMBASTIANI

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Elissa Giambastiani who is retiring after 18 years as President and CEO of the San Rafael, California, Chamber of Commerce. Under Elissa's dynamic leadership, the Chamber has successfully promoted not only the immediate needs of local businesses but also the long-term economic interests of the community.

As an advocate for workforce housing and transportation infrastructure improvements, Elissa has been in the forefront of efforts to establish a housing trust and to pass a transportation sales tax. Her expertise is widely recognized, and she was recently invited to speak at a National Workforce Housing summit in Arlington, Virginia, on "Fostering Community Acceptance of Affordable and Workforce Housing."

Born and raised in Minnesota, Elissa worked there as a teacher before taking a job with the Army teaching in Europe. After her return, she moved to San Francisco where she worked in an architect's office and met her husband Ron Giambastiani who worked in the same office and lived in San Rafael. She also worked as public relations consultant before joining the Chamber in 1987.

As President, Elissa developed and implemented the overall program for an organization with over 950 members. She also took the lead in tracking and advocating the business viewpoint on legislation, including an instrumental role in the formation of the Alliance of North Bay Chambers to increase clout. This function led to the San Rafael Chamber earning an Advocacy Chamber of the Year Award, one of the first winners in this category which was created by the California Chamber of Commerce in 2003.

Elissa has also won an award from Western Association of Chamber Executives for management excellence and an Accredited Chamber Executive designation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Locally, she is a member of the League of Women Voters, the Ecumenical Association for Housing, and the San Rafael Rotary.

Mr. Speaker, "tenacious" and "tireless" are appropriate words frequently used to describe Elissa Giambastiani. I would add "clear-sighted, passionate, and caring," all adjectives which do justice to her effectiveness as a leader in of the San Rafael community. I wish her luck in her new pursuits of piano playing, Japanese flower arranging, Italian study, public relations consulting as well as grandmothering.