

Open Cup for a second consecutive time, being the first Major League Soccer team and the first team in 27 years to repeat as champions. The Seattle Sounders finished the regular 2010 season with 14 wins and has lost fewer matches in their first two seasons than any club in the league's 15-year existence. A 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.

A TRIBUTE TO DEREK PHILLIPS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Derek Phillips.

Derek Phillips received his Master's Degree in African American Studies from the State University at Albany, NY and later received another Master's Degree in School Building Leadership from Mercy College. He completed his undergraduate studies at the State University at New Paltz.

An Educator by profession, Derek taught History at Park West High School for one year. He went on to teach Math and History for eight years at the New York City Public School Repertory Company, a school for "under-credited" high school students. While at PSRC, he also served as the college advisor. Derek taught at the Eight Plus Learning Academy for region ten at Wadleigh High School in Harlem, NY for four years. The Eight Plus Program was a school for "at-risk" eighth graders who failed to fulfill the necessary requirements for promotion to high school. While at Eight Plus, he served as Math teacher, Dean and Site Coordinator. He also taught Social Studies and Global History at the Choir Academy in Harlem. Currently, he is an Assistant Principal at Queens Academy High School, a school for under-credited and over-aged young people.

In addition to being an educational leader, Derek is the Founder and Executive Director of the Real Dads Network—an organization that is committed to educating, supporting and empowering Black fathers. The Real Dads Network received national recognition in Ebony magazine, June 2010 as one of the top ten resources for dads. Additionally, Derek serves as a spokesperson for fatherhood in several ways: by appearing as a guest on radio such as 98.7 Kiss FM's Open Line and Al Sharpton's Hour of Power, as a guest on the BET Special, Black Men the Truth, and as a panelist at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference on Fatherhood. Derek was also featured in the New York Daily News' "Spotlight on Great People," and created the Daddy Daughter Valentine's Dance, which has been adopted in other major cities. He contributed to the best-selling book *I Got Your Back: A Father and Son Keep It Real About Love, Fatherhood, Family and Friendship*, by Eddie Levert Sr. and Gerald Levert with Lyah Beth leFlore and co-directed and produced the award-winning documentary "Black Men on Fatherhood" with commentary by the late Ossie Davis.

Derek is an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and through his works, words and actions, he is committed to educating, uplifting, and empowering our youth. His motto is "if everyone does a part, then no one is left doing the whole thing." He resides in Peekskill, NY with Maria, his loving wife, and Jordyn and Maya, his two beautiful daughters.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Derek Phillips.

RECOGNIZING FARRELLI'S WOOD FIRE PIZZA FOR WINNING THE NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION'S 2010 RESTAURANT NEIGHBOR AWARD

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Farrelli's Wood Fire Pizza in Tacoma, Washington, for receiving the National Restaurant Association's 2010 Restaurant Neighbor Award.

The National Restaurant Association is a nonprofit organization that represents thousands of restaurants across the nation. The Restaurant Neighbor Award was created through a collaboration with the National Restaurant Association and American Express to celebrate the philanthropic spirit of the restaurant industry, to raise awareness about the restaurant industry's contributions to local communities across the country, and to inspire other restaurant operators and owners to make even greater contributions to their communities.

Established in 1995, Farrelli's has grown to five Washington State pizzerias and the Irish-Inspired McNamara's Pub & Eatery. Located near Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Farrelli's has become a staple among soldiers and their families. Farrelli's Wood Fire Pizza gives back to our troops by sending signs, uniforms, and other Farrelli's memorabilia to soldiers stationed in Iraq, allowing them to transform their overseas break area into a satellite Farrelli's of their own. The restaurant also offers their Washington-based soldiers weekly discounts, farewell events, and welcome back parties.

Farrelli's customers also have a hand in community involvement by voting on which cause the restaurant should take up next. Recently, Farrelli's created a campaign to fight diabetes by joining the Dining for Diabetes fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and incorporated a wholegrain pizza to their menu named after Elliott, a regular customer who was recently diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes and who was in search of a healthier dining option. The restaurant has also raised more than \$150,000 for organizations such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Susan G. Komen Foundation, and the local Boys and Girls Club.

The National Restaurant Association recognized Farrelli's Wood Fire Pizza in Tacoma with the 2010 Restaurant Neighbor Award in the mid-size business category. Farrelli's owner Jacque Farrell was flown to Washington, DC, to receive the award and a \$5,000 donation during a National Restaurant Association ceremony held in September 2010.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Farrelli's Wood Fire Pizza for receiving the 2010 Restaurant Neighbor Award.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF LOU XIONG

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievement of Lou Xiong on the occasion of receiving the 2010 Milken Educator Award from the Milken Family Foundation. The Milken Family Foundation's Milken Educator Award seeks to celebrate, elevate, and activate exemplary K-12 educators and has been hailed as the "Oscars of Teaching." Ms. Xiong was one of 55 educators across our Nation, and one of only three in the State of California, to be honored this year.

Lou was born in Laos as the fifth of 12 children to Chong Sue Xiong and Khou Moua. In 1980, Lou and her family immigrated to the United States from Laos in search of a better life. After attending high school in the Fresno area, Lou enrolled at California State University, Fresno, and graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Liberal Studies. Upon graduation, Lou joined the staff at Balderas Elementary School in Fresno, California, to follow her dream of becoming a teacher.

Over the last 11 years at Balderas Elementary School, Ms. Xiong has taught a variety of subjects to students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades and contributed immensely to both her students and the school. In addition to her teaching duties, Lou has volunteered her time in school site responsibilities serving as Grade Level Chair, participating in the Leadership Team, serving on the School Site Building Committee and acting as Coordinator of the Hmong New Year Celebration. Outside of the classroom, Lou has served as a Math Coach for the Fresno Unified School District, helping fellow teachers and assisting in creating a pacing guideline program which is now used throughout the district.

Lou has also been actively involved in Fresno Unified School District's Superintendent's English Learner Task Force to ensure that language barriers do not keep students from succeeding in school. Lou's life story serves as a positive example for her students, demonstrating that despite the obstacles she has had to overcome as an immigrant, anything is possible with hard work and determination. The community of Fresno is very fortunate to have such a dedicated individual who continues to inspire students to believe they can achieve anything.

Lou is married to her husband Shue Vue, a civil engineer for the State of California Department of Transportation. Lou and Shue Vue have three children together and hope that the success they have achieved in their chosen professions provides inspiration for their children to achieve their own personal success in life and give back to their communities.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the achievement of Lou Xiong in the field of education as she is recognized as one of a select few top educators in our country by the Milken Family Foundation.