

thank a teacher who has made a difference in their life.

I want to thank the teachers who shaped my life and my children's and grandchildren's lives.

And I encourage my colleagues to work with me to support policies to help train, develop, and adequately pay our teachers.

RECOGNIZING CAPT. KATHRYN BONNER

**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2023*

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent Captain Kathryn Esther Bonner of Sevierville, Tennessee for her heroic service. Last year, I came to know Captain Bonner when I had the pleasure of honoring her personally at our First Congressional District's Veteran Pin Ceremony of Honor in Sevier County.

In 1967, Captain Bonner reported to Officer Training in Newport, Rhode Island as an Ensign Nurse Corps officer for the United States Navy. Upon completion of her training, she reported to Camp LeJeune Marine Corps base in North Carolina. There, she first cared for the many wounded Marines returning from the Vietnam War and began her lifelong love and respect for the Marine Corps.

In November 1969, Captain Bonner was assigned to her next duty station, aboard the USS *Sanctuary* AH-17, a vessel responsible for patrolling the waters off the coast of Hue, Vietnam. While aboard, she administered round-the-clock care to badly wounded service personnel, many arriving straight from the battlefield and rice paddies, as well as civilian Vietnamese patients. Every day, she lived and worked in constant vigilance as she was always within feet of the wards where the wounded lay. A welcome break in the testing routine, she recollects fondly the visit from Bob Hope, Connie Stevens, and Neil Armstrong, who just a few months earlier had walked on the moon, on Christmas Eve 1969.

Captain Bonner served at many stations of duty over her extensive military career to include the Fleet Naval Hospital Comm Z14 Jacksonville and the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D.C., among others. Her retirement from active-duty service in 1971 did not end her call to service as she continued her career as a Nurse in the United States Air Force Reserves. In that role, she completed flight nurse training and helped bring wounded Marines back home from the 1983 Beirut Barracks Bombing. In 1988, she returned to the Navy as a Reservist and served with distinction until her formal retirement in June of 2003, after 26 years of military service. Captain Bonner received several awards and commendations during her career, including the Meritorious Service Medal, 3 Navy Commendation Medals, 2 Air Force Commendation Medals, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. She was also selected as the Outstanding Nurse of the Year 3 times in her Air Force Reserve units time of service and once as her numbered Air Force Nurse of the year. Please join me to recognize American hero, Captain Bonner and thank her for her selfless, courageous military service to our Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE 2022-2023 DUNMORE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2023*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible achievements of the 2022-2023 Dunmore High School girls varsity basketball team. During this year's season, the "Lady Bucks" brought great pride to our community by winning the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) 3A State Championship for the first time in school history.

As the Member of the U.S. House representing Dunmore, I'm proud to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and teamwork of the Lady Bucks that led to their championship. They played with passion and a spirit of excellence that was evident in every game. They demonstrated that when a group of individuals works together and supports each other, anything is possible.

I want to acknowledge the coaching staff, led by Coach Carrie Toomey, and Assistant Coach Michael O'Malley, who have instilled a culture of commitment, discipline, and respect in these athletes. Under their guidance, Dunmore truly played a season worthy of a state title.

The success of the 2022-2023 team is also a reflection of the support they received from the Dunmore itself. From parents and families who cheered them on in every game, to the teachers and staff who have provided guidance and encouragement, to the businesses and organizations that also supported the team, the Dunmore Lady Bucks have been lifted up by the entire community.

It's no surprise it happened that way because, in Northeastern Pennsylvania, we believe in the power of working together and showing civic spirit. The Dunmore Lady Bucks' championship is a testament to the strength of that belief. These players demonstrated what can happen when we support our young people to the fullest.

So, I congratulate the 2022-2023 Dunmore High School girls varsity basketball team on their historic season and thank them for inspiring us all. I'm proud to represent Dunmore and look forward to celebrating many more successes in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAKE AUCHINCLOSS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2023*

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I was necessarily absent from votes on May 15, 2023.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 213, and YEA on Roll Call No. 214.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF NEW FAIRVIEW

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2023*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City of New Fairview as they celebrate the municipality's incorporation 50 years ago on May 21, 1973. In the late 1800s, settlers moved to Wise County, Texas, many traveling from Illinois. The area that covers roughly 16 square miles was originally named the "Illinois Settlement." As time passed, the population grew slowly, and the agrarian community established a church, cemetery, and a school. In 1973, the city's name was changed to "Fairview" based upon the residents' beautiful point of view overlooking the north Texas prairie.

By 1980, the city had a population of 180 people. Almost two decades later in 1999, the population had grown to nearly 900 residents, and the city officially changed their name to "New Fairview" in order to distinguish themselves from several other cities in the State of Texas who shared the name.

As a result of its prime location in close proximity to job centers in Fort Worth and Alliance Airport, the City of New Fairview continues to expand and develop while still retaining the semi-rural environment that its residents appreciate. The strong Texas economy has fueled expansive business development and population growth in New Fairview. The North Central Texas Council of Government has estimated the 2022 population at 2,060, resulting in the city being one of top ten fastest-growing cities in the 16-county region. City residents are served by excellent schools within the Northwest and Decatur ISDs, which also have encouraged new housing starts for families. In the short 50 years that New Fairview has existed, the city has had significant growth and shows no sign of slowing down.

It is my honor to represent the citizens of the City of New Fairview, Texas, in the U.S. House of Representatives and join its citizens in marking the thriving city's semi-centennial and look forward to "The City with a View's" bright future.

RECOGNIZING MR. MATT STEVE PANDOL, JR.

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2023*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my friend and colleague, Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY, to honor the life of Mr. Matt Steve Pandol, Jr., who passed away on April 21, 2023, at his home in Delano, California. He was 60 years old.

The son of Matt and Lucy Pandol, he was born on June 27, 1962. Matt spent his childhood in Delano and attended California State University, Fresno, where he graduated with a degree in plant science. Following his graduation, he returned home to work for his family business. Matt married his wife Linda in 1994. They had three children together and raised

them in his hometown. He worked independently and alongside the Pandol Family organization and served on the board of directors of Pandol Bros., Inc. and Delano Grape Growers Co-op Winery. Today, Pandol Bros. is one of the nation's top producers of grapes.

Matt was a fixture in the Delano community. He was a parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church, a member of the Greater Delano Area Youth Foundation, and a member of the American Slavonic Social Club. He was also involved in the All Slavonic American Association of Fresno. An avid shooting sports competitor, Matt was a regular at shooting tournaments across the nation. He was a member of the Kern County Gun Club and other sporting clubs. He also spent time hiking, fishing, and enjoying the outdoors.

Matt was a hardworking farmer, dedicated to producing the finest produce in California. He worked closely with his brother, Andrew, on Pandol Farms and cherished the time they spent working together. He was dedicated to the quality of the Pandol Family product. With his family name on the box, he believed the fruit had to be first class. His team was very important to him, and he valued their expertise and dedication to farming.

Matt is survived by his wife, Linda; his children, Matt III, Stefanie, and Mark; his mother, Lucy Pandol; brothers Louis Pandol, John (Angelica) Pandol, Andrew S. (Beth) Pandol; sister, Margaret (Scott) Curtis; and mother-in-law, Gerry Marcia, in addition to other relatives and in-laws.

Mr. Speaker, today we ask our colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join us in honoring the life of our dear friend, Mr. Matt Steve Pandol, Jr., who was taken too soon. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

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COMMENDING JOSEPH SELLERS, JR. ON HIS RETIREMENT AS GENERAL PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SHEET METAL, AIR, RAIL AND TRANSPORTATION WORKERS

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**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 16, 2023*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend General President of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART) Joseph Sellers, Jr., who is retiring after nearly 3 decades in SMART local and national leadership.

The son of a SMART sheet metal worker and local union officer, Sellers followed in his father's footsteps and began an apprenticeship in 1980 at Local 19 in Philadelphia before becoming a journeyman four years later. In 1994, he was elected to the Local's executive

board and become its president and business manager in 2002.

After being elected to international leadership in 2009 and serving as the union's general secretary since 2011, Sellers became SMART's general president in 2015 and was re-elected in 2019.

Under Sellers' leadership, SMART improved outreach and visibility to key stakeholders and policymakers on important issues to union members such as pensions, healthcare, and apprenticeships. His advocacy advanced diversity and inclusion in the union, and he established strong working relationships with members of Congress and the Biden Administration, where he helped champion the passage of the American Rescue Plan, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and the Inflation Reduction Act among many others.

The United States, SMART, and the working men and women of our country are better off because of the steadfast and visionary leadership of Joseph Sellers, Jr. He advanced the ideals of working people and fought to improve the quality of life for the American people. We are grateful for his decades of service to SMART, and his commitment to the working people and families of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring and commending Joseph Sellers, Jr., of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers as we celebrate his retirement and dedication to serving the organization and their many working families throughout his career.