

served four years as a Captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the United States Army.

Mr. Bobzien has ably represented Fairfax on a number of boards and associations and has used his passion for the law to benefit communities across the Commonwealth. He is a former president of the Virginia State Bar. He was the first government attorney ever to hold that post. He is a past chair of the Local Government Law Section of the Virginia State Bar, a past president of the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, a past president of Lawyers Helping Lawyers, the organization that assists lawyers in Virginia suffering from substance addiction or mental illness, a past president of the Fairfax Law Foundation, and a past president of the Virginia Law Foundation.

Even as he neared retirement, David has remained active and is the current chairman of the Virginia CLE Committee of the Virginia Law Foundation and is a board member of Virginia Law Foundation, the Fairfax Law Foundation, and Lawyers Helping Lawyers. He is a Virginia State Bar delegate in the American Bar Association's House of Delegates having previously served on the ABA's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence. He is a fellow of the Fairfax Law Foundation and the Virginia Law Foundation and a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

His leadership and commitment to the law have been recognized by his peers. In 2012, David was selected to receive the Golden Gavel Award from the Fairfax Law Foundation's Society of Fellows. The Golden Gavel Award recognizes individuals, organizations, and businesses for their exceptional community service.

Mr. Speaker, David Bobzien's commitment to our community and the mission of local government is unparalleled, and he leaves behind a legacy of integrity that will benefit our community for generations to come. His career in public service is truly commendable and deserving of our sincere appreciation. When I was chairman of the county board, we often joked when retirement announcements like this came before the board that we should pass an ordinance to disallow such talented and dedicated professionals to leave public service. I certainly wish that was the case here. I have been privileged to call David not only a professional colleague but also a constituent and a friend. I wish David and his wife, Cathy, and the rest of their family the best of luck in his retirement, and I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in expressing our appreciation for his unswerving devotion to serving the residents of Fairfax County.

BASQUE HERITAGE AND SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival which begins on June 29 and focuses this year on the Basques. Their history, contributions, and culture will be highlighted through music, storytelling, artifacts, and food. Since the late 1800s, the Basques have been an integral

part of Nevada's story. Well known and highly respected Basque families in Nevada include the Laxalts, Ascuaguas, Etcheverrias, Juaristis, and Goicoecheas, among others, who have left a legacy at all levels of government, business, academia, and the legal profession. Their history has been recorded in the sheep camps of the Northern Nevada mountains and in the boarding houses of small towns like Elko, Winnemucca, Battle Mountain, and Ely. Their strength of character and perseverance inspire us all. I look forward to seeing some of Nevada's Basque dancers on the National Mall, and I invite you to join me in celebrating this amazing community and its heritage.

HONORING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROSE OF SHARON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rose of Sharon Missionary Baptist Church as they celebrate their 65th anniversary. Over the last 65 years, Rose of Sharon has served as a place of worship for countless numbers of West Texans. Rose of Sharon was founded by Reverend A.H. Goings in 1951. After meeting in various homes for several years, the church finally found a permanent home on 300 Fitch St. in June of 1985 under the leadership of Reverend J.W. Hanson. From that point moving forward, the church was able to flourish as they made it their mission to spread the teachings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Tragically on June 25, 2014, the church burned down and was declared a total loss. But out of the ashes and through the power of prayer and the support of the First Baptist Church of Odessa, Rose of Sharon persevered and overcame the adversity that they were dealt. After many months of rebuilding, Rose of Sharon reopened the doors to their newly constructed house of worship in February 2016.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church as they celebrate their 65th anniversary. I wish them continued success moving forward. May God continue to bless the parishioners and the church leaders for many years to come.

CONGRATULATING COLONEL GUY T. SHIELDS ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE ARMY PUBLIC AFFAIRS HALL OF FAME

HON. PETER A. DEFazio

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. DEFazio. Mr. Speaker, today, we are here to honor Colonel Guy T. Shields on his induction into the Army Public Affairs Hall of Fame, an honor deserving of a man who has dedicated his life to serving our country. Colonel Shields' accomplishments are many, and his time in the Army has been a story of passion, leadership, and innovation.

For nearly twenty years he served in the Army as a Public Affairs Officer, and he established himself as a media relations expert. He was respected and trusted by all he worked with: internal and external media, his military superiors, his peers, and his subordinates. At the NATO Nuclear Planning Conference in 1987, he successfully established an international press center, and under his guidance a team was able to handle more than 200 members of the international media for four days. His success continued as he covered stories and events such as the 50th Anniversary of the Normandy Landings, Exercise Double Eagle, Operations Support Hope, Just Cause, Golden Pheasant, and Iraqi Freedom. While working in Bosnia he coordinated the construction and operation of a radio tower and taught a team who had never worked with the equipment before how to broadcast messages to the Bosnian people. He truly has done it all.

Colonel Shields' time spent as an Army Public Affairs Officer set the standards for contingency public affairs operations for the Army and Joint Operations. Through his service, he set an example for contingency deployments worldwide in both peacetime and war. Every day I am grateful for the sacrifices and work that our service men and women do and Colonel Shields exemplifies both a dedication to our country as well as a model soldier with exceptional public affairs skills. I would like to join in congratulating him on this much deserved award.

HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE WEST SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB FIRE, RESCUE AND FIRST RESPONDER AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the West Springfield Rotary Club and to congratulate the recipients of the 2016 Fire, Rescue, and First Responder of the Year Awards.

The West Springfield Rotary Club (WSRC) was established over 25 years ago, making it one of the oldest of the nearly 60 clubs that comprise Rotary District 7610. Throughout its existence, the WSRC and its members have dedicated themselves to service to our neighbors and our community. Each year, the WSRC recognizes area first responders who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. This year, the three individuals who will be honored are stationed at West Springfield Fire Station 27, and it is my honor to submit their names and to congratulate each of them on receiving this award.

Master Technician Hyun Lee has been a Fairfax County firefighter for 12 years, the last six as an engine driver. Two years ago, she earned the proficiency designation of Master Technician (MT) and assumed additional responsibilities including company and battalion level training and ensuring proficiency of the station. Master Technician Lee is known for her hands-on instruction and training of newer firefighters and personal attention to their professional growth. Her dedication has allowed her to instill her work ethic and passion into