

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING ALEXIS FROST

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Alexis Frost, who is a 6th grade student at Lorton Station Elementary School, for placing second in the Junior Division, Individual Performance Category, of the Virginia National History Day Contest. She, along with winners from other states competed at the Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Conference, which took place June 12 through 16 at the University of Maryland in College Park.

Each year there is a specific theme on which the students' research must focus with this year's theme being: "Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History." For her entry Alexis created a performance titled "Amelia" in which she portrays Amelia Earhart, an early aviation pioneer who was the first female pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean and who was an inspiration to women throughout the world.

This year approximately 600,000 students from across the United States participated in these contests. For the contests, students create entries showcasing original historical research utilizing primary and secondary sources. They then present their information in one of five categories: documentary, exhibit, paper, performance, and website. Less than 1 percent of all contestants are invited to go to the national competition.

At the National History Day Finals, Alexis' project along with those of the other state winners were evaluated by more than 300 historians and education professionals. Scholarships totaling \$150,000 were awarded to the winners of the contest ranging from \$250 through \$1,000 per award.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Alexis Frost for her outstanding performance in the National History Day contest and in wishing her the very best at the National Finals as well as throughout her educational career.

HONORING CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special church in Lexington, Kentucky. Christ Church Cathedral was established in 1796. This year they celebrate 220 years of ministry. The congregation of Christ Church has included several prominent members, including statesman Henry Clay, who represented Kentucky in both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives, served three nonconsecutive terms as Speak-

er of the House, and served as U.S. Secretary of State under President John Quincy Adams.

Christ Church was the first Episcopal Church congregation west of the Allegheny Mountains. The earliest church building was a small frame church, which was replaced by a larger brick building in the early 1800s. The current church building was designed by the famous architect Thomas Lewinski in the Gothic Revival style and completed in 1848.

The first rector of Christ Church was Rev. James Moore, who also served as the first President of Transylvania University. The church is currently led by The Very Reverend Carol Wade and serves a unique downtown Lexington ministry. Some of Christ Church's many community outreach ministries include mentoring at-risk students, serving the homeless through Room in the Inn and Church Under the Bridge ministries, and providing Christmas gifts to needy children through the Angel Tree project.

Many lives have been changed by the ministry of this church. Indeed, my own family has been blessed by this vibrant spiritual community: I served in the Christ Church men's and boys' choir during my childhood years; I participated in services as an acolyte as a young man; my wife Carol and I were married in the Cathedral in 2008; and both of our daughters were baptized there. As the Cathedral celebrates its historic 220th anniversary, its members will continue their ministry to worship and serve God through Jesus Christ. My family and I are honored to call Christ Church Cathedral our spiritual home and I am honored to recognize this historic Cathedral before the United States House of Representatives.

COMMENDING HERITAGE BAPTIST
CHURCH ON THE OCCASION OF
ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 35th anniversary of Heritage Baptist Church, led by Pastor Michael Edwards. During its 35 years of selfless service to the Kingdom of God and to the community, this church has proven itself to be a congregation full of energy, conviction, and action.

Heritage Baptist Church was founded by Pastor Michael E. Edwards and held its first service on June 28, 1981 at Potomac Senior High School. One year later, in 1982, Heritage Baptist Church moved to a new location on Telegraph Road in Woodbridge. As the church continued to grow in faith and in members, Heritage built a new church on Spriggs Road in Woodbridge, Virginia where it has continued its growth and expansion.

Sensing the role it could play in the community and in educating children, Heritage Baptist church opened Heritage Christian School. The School began as a K5 through 9th grade insti-

tution with 70 students and, through the Lord's blessing, has grown to over 390 children in K4 through 12th grades. The School's mission is to equip young people, both academically and spiritually, to fight for the faith and to engage culture in the service of Jesus Christ.

Heritage Baptist Church, with Heritage Christian School, has served the community by opening their doors to our office on April 30th, 2016. Heritage Baptist facilitated our Women Veterans Forum and staffed the event to help meet our administrative needs. Attended by representatives from the Veterans Affairs' Administration, the Virginia Department of Veteran Services, and many other Veteran service organizations, the event celebrated the role women have played in our nation's military and provided support resources to our local women Veterans. Heritage Baptist Church's support of this event shows their commitment to our nation's military, Veterans, and larger community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with heartfelt gratitude that I congratulate Heritage Baptist Church on their 35th anniversary. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless and prosper this congregation for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING DAVID P. BOBZIEN
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RE-
TIREMENT AS FAIRFAX COUNTY
ATTORNEY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 24, 2016

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend David P. Bobzien, of Reston, on the occasion of his retirement after a distinguished career spanning three decades of public service to the residents of Fairfax County, the largest local jurisdiction in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the National Capital Region. For the past 23 years, David has served as the Fairfax County Attorney. Prior to that, he served four years on the Fairfax Planning Commission, representing the former Centreville District, and he also is a past chairman of the Fairfax County Goals Advisory Commission.

I had the great pleasure of working with David throughout my 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, particularly during my 5 years as chairman. David was responsible for providing sound legal advice to the Board of Supervisors on any number of issues, from land use and zoning applications to civil litigation to personnel matters. He was always meticulous and thoughtful in his approach and was a trusted counselor to the board and county staff.

David also has more than a decade of service with the federal government, where he served as assistant counsel in the Office of Professional Responsibility of the Department of Justice. Prior to that, he spent four years in private practice as an associate with the Fairfax firm of Fitzgerald and Smith, and he also

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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