

TRIBUTE TO MARY K. SHELL

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the late Mary Katherine Shell, a community leader from Bakersfield, California. Mary served as the Mayor of Bakersfield from 1981 to 1985, and later as a member of the Kern County Board of Supervisors from 1985 to 1997. A trailblazing force in Kern County, Mary K. Shell passed away last week at the age of 91.

Born in Bakersfield, Mary graduated from East Bakersfield High School before attending Bakersfield College. Her future in public service was forged at a young age during conversations with her father, who encouraged her as a child to read the newspaper, be civic-minded, and to involve herself in the issues that impacted her community. A keen reader of the news, it was no coincidence that Mary found herself working for the Bakersfield Californian during World War II, covering home-front war stories and Kern County's rapidly growing agricultural industry.

With much of the Californian's workforce serving overseas in the war, Mary balanced an incredible workload, often finding herself immersed in Bakersfield's policy-making discussions, learning and covering topics that would mold her into a city leader herself. Outside of her writing, Mary continued to push herself in other fields, working as a secretary for Skyway Associates at the old La Cresta Airfield and even receiving her pilot's license. She would further her career in journalism working for the Bakersfield News Bulletin in 1965, first as a reporter, and later as editor until 1969. In 1972, she was awarded the Excellence in Reporting Award from the California Trial Lawyers Association for her work at Capitol News Service, and in 1975 was awarded the California Taxpayers Reporting Award for articles published in the Los Angeles Herald.

While she loved politics, Mary never once viewed herself as a politician. It took the gentle encouragement of her loving husband, Joe Shell, to inspire her to run to be Bakersfield's mayor in 1979. Mary won in a competitive field of candidates to become Bakersfield's first female mayor in 1980. Upon her election, Shell immediately set out to improve the quality of life of Bakersfield, launching the still-active Beautiful Bakersfield Committee to inspire pride in the Bakersfield community. She commissioned the creation of a city flag, helped establish the annual city prayer breakfast, established one of the first Vietnam War memorials in Bakersfield, and brought back the annual downtown Christmas Parade, which is still a fixture of the Bakersfield Christmas season.

After serving a full term as Bakersfield mayor, Shell successfully ran in 1984 to represent Kern County's 5th Supervisorial District. She dedicated her three terms as a county supervisor to reducing government overregulation and advocating for policies that minimized the waste of taxpayers' money. Mary established herself in the boardroom as a consensus-builder, garnering support from both sides of the political spectrum for her straight talk and her relentless love for the community

she represented. Above all else, Mary never stopped acting as a one of our city's staunchest advocates, remaining just as civically engaged outside of politics as she was as an elected official.

Mary K. Shell was, and will always be, a community icon in Bakersfield. A renaissance woman of her era, she defined to generations of Kern County residents what it meant to be a public servant—someone who listened to the needs of her constituents and acted tirelessly, fearlessly, yet graciously, to address the needs of our communities. Over her life, Mary inspired many, and I am confident that she leaves behind a legacy that will inspire countless others to public service. I extend my deepest condolences to her children, her grandchildren, and a community that will miss her dearly. It could be said that Mary K. Shell "did it all" in her life, and I am inclined to agree. Bakersfield will not soon forget her.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TLC PROPERTIES ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 30th anniversary of TLC Properties.

TLC Properties was founded in 1988 in Springfield, Missouri, by Sam and Carol Coryell, and to this day, remains a family owned and operated business. Priding themselves on this fact, Mr. and Mrs. Coryell's three sons, Sam Jr., Daniel and David, play an important role in the company and its successes. The Coryell's business brilliance and persistence has allowed TLC Properties to grow from just one rental house in eastern Springfield, to more than 3,000 apartments across 20 different communities.

TLC Properties' strong apartment networks have enabled the company to address its clients' various needs and residential concerns.

This company was founded on principles of strong character, service, teamwork, excellence, humility and gratitude. I believe that the company's track record has demonstrated that these values have consistently been upheld. TLC Properties motto is, "do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Whether it's at the corporate level or the property level, TLC strives to uphold this motto by offering the best product at the best price.

I must commemorate TLC Properties for its three decades of quality housing, and encourage others from our beautiful 7th District of Missouri to live by TLC Properties' values.

IN RECOGNITION OF BOB COX'S HEROIC ACTIONS ON CAPITOL HILL

HON. CHRIS COLLINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic actions of Bob Cox on Capitol Hill earlier this year. While on vacation with his family in our nation's cap-

ital, Bob, a constituent of New York's 27th District, aided a Capitol Hill employee that abruptly collapsed. If not for his quick thinking, the outcome could have been much worse for the employee.

Due to his heroism, Bob will receive the Life Saving Award from a representative of the U.S. Capitol Police. This honor rightfully acknowledges Bob's exemplary act at our nation's capital earlier this year. The selfless medical service that he provided is truly commendable. As a registered nurse and trained EMT, he has undoubtedly played a part in making our community a better place to live and raise a family.

Again, congratulations to Bob on his recent recognition by the U.S. Capitol Police, and I thank him for all he has done.

RECOGNIZING THE 2018 FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

This is the 40th Annual Valor Awards sponsored by the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce. This event honors the remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety officers. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will present ninety-one awards to recognize extraordinary actions above and beyond the call of duty in a variety of categories, including the Lifesaving Certificate, the Certificate of Valor, and the Bronze and Silver Medal of Valor.

Seven members of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office are being honored this year for their exceptional service.

It is with great pride that I include in the RECORD the names of the following Valor Award Recipients:

Bronze Medal of Valor:
Second Lieutenant Georgi Hovhannisyan
Sergeant Brandon Pitts
Private First Class Andrew Foxwell
Correctional Health Nurse Deborah Kurylo
Certificate of Valor:
First Lieutenant Jonathan Ortiz
Master Deputy Sheriff Jeffery Waple
Private First Class Laurence Kim

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2018 Valor Award Recipients, and thank all of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 5687—the SOUND Disposal and Packaging Act (Roll Call No. 269), I would have voted “aye.” This bill would require the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve packaging and disposal methods for certain drugs.

Additionally, had I been present for the vote on H.R. 5676—the SENIOR Communities Protection Act of 2018 (Roll Call No. 270), I would have voted “aye.” This bill would authorize Medicare prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans to suspend payments to pharmacies pending investigations of credible allegations of fraud.

CONGRATULATING MAJOR
GENERAL PETER JOHNSON**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, South Carolinians appreciate the service of Major General John P. “Pete” Johnson, the 50th Commander of the U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina.

Since taking command in June 2016, Maj. Gen. Pete Johnson has supervised numerous changes and improvements to the installation. Prior to serving at the U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson, Maj. Gen. Johnson served in principal staff leadership positions, joint service positions and has commanded troops from Company through Brigade and the Combined Joint Task Force-levels, including several combat tours, to include: Operations Enduring/Iraqi Freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq, Operation Provide Comfort, Iraq and Operation Just Cause, Panama.

Additionally, his notable command assignments include: Deputy Commanding General for Operations, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Commander, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky and Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan. Upon his departure from Fort Jackson, he will become the Deputy Commanding General for United States Army Pacific (USARPAC), at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Best wishes to Major General Johnson and his wife Sheila as they embark on this new chapter.

RECOGNIZING THE 2018 FAIRFAX
COUNTY VOLUNTEER SERVICE
AWARD RECIPIENTS**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Volunteer Fairfax and express my sincere appreciation to recipients of

the 26th Annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards.

Established more than 40 years ago, Volunteer Fairfax matches the skills and interests of thousands of volunteers with the needs of local non-profit organizations. The success of this model and its impact on delivery of needed services is beyond question, as Volunteer Fairfax has been rated as one of the most effective community service organizations in the nation.

Last year alone, over 6,000 individuals contributed more 328,000 volunteer hours, totaling almost \$8,000,000. These staggering numbers are a testament to the strong ethos of public service and of volunteerism that exists in Fairfax County, and is one of the many reasons why this community is such a wonderful place to live.

Each year, Volunteer Fairfax selects a few exceptional individuals, groups, or organizations to receive special recognition. It is my great pleasure to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2018 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards honorees:

Community Champions:
Braddock District: Joanne Walton
Dranesville District: William Pickens
Hunter Mill District: May Bernhardt
Lee District: Ed Joseph
Mason District: Community Labor Force
Mount Vernon District: Shirley Steenstra
Providence District: Tysons Partnership
Springfield District: Tom Bash
Sully District: Glynda Mayo Hall
At-Large: Charles Fegan
Competitive Award Winners:
Adult 250 Hours and Over: Marco Johnson
Adult 250 Hours and Under: Jerry Dykstra
Adult Volunteer Group: PRS CareRing
Volunteers
Corporate Volunteer Group: Fannie Mae
Fairfax County Volunteer: Walter Jackson
Fairfax County Volunteer Program: CERT
Family Volunteer: Rev. Morris and Polley Hargrove
Lifetime Achievement: Richard Alderson
Rising Star: Josh Stillman
RSVP Northern Virginia: Ken Kozloff
Senior Volunteer: Jim Dillon
Volunteer Program: ECHO
Youth Volunteer: Racheal Appiah
Youth Volunteer Group: Stony Brook Jr. Volunteers

In addition, Benchmark Honors will be awarded in four different categories to commend those who have contributed 100, 250, 500, or 1,000 hours of volunteer time to our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Volunteer Fairfax for its decades of outstanding community service. I congratulate the recipients of the 2018 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards, and thank them and the thousands of other local volunteers for their incredible contributions to our community. Their selfless dedication is worthy of our highest praise, and is one of the main reasons that our community is often ranked as one of the best places in the country to live, work, and raise a family.

RECOGNIZING FRANK AND BETTIE
BARBER**HON. GREG GIANFORTE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank and Bettie Barber of Lloyd.

Since 1998, the Barbers volunteer their working ranch in the Bearpaw Mountains to host the Bear Paw Bowmen Archery Club's annual Barber Ranch Two-Day Archery Shoot. Last weekend marked the competition's 20th anniversary.

Hundreds of archers spread out over different courses throughout the Barbers' ranch during the event. The competition ends with a community dinner.

Proceeds support local causes. Last year, funds from the Barber Ranch Two-Day Archery Shoot helped local volunteer fire departments following the devastating East Fork Fire in the Bearpaw Mountains.

Beyond their involvement in their local hunting community, the Barbers established a college scholarship. Since 2009, the Frank and Bettie Barber Scholarship has awarded more than \$9,000 to Montana State University-Northern agriculture students. Contributions from the Barbers benefit a growing number of students and create further opportunities for agricultural education in Montana.

Frank, a retired Marine, and Bettie, the daughter of a career Navy veteran, are also well known for their love of our country.

For their dedication to their community, commitment to agriculture scholarship, and generosity, I recognize Frank and Bettie Barber of Lloyd for representing the spirit of Montana.

EDWARD DONAHUE

HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward “Bud” Donahue, for his dedicated service to the United States Army. He is a resident of Deptford Township located in the New Jersey's First Congressional District.

Mr. Donahue enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1965, and trained as a Voice and Morse Code Radio Operator in Fort Jackson South Carolina. Upon graduating Radio school in 1965, he was assigned to the 1st Battalion 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, in Vietnam as a Radio Operator. While assigned to the 1st Cavalry, Mr. Donahue received many honors; the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB), Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, and the Vietnam Service Medal.

Mr. Donahue was reassigned in 1966 to the 7th Army, 4th Battalion 44th Artillery in Germany, and a mobile Pershing Missile unit. He was promoted to Platoon Sergeant of the Communications Platoon. Mr. Donahue was a Sergeant (E5) in a Master Sergeant (E8) slot; Radio Teletype, Long Range Voice Radio, Message Center, and Crypto Programming. He was later tested and received a high proficiency rating.

On May 20, 1968, Mr. Donahue was separated from active duty at Fort Dix New Jersey, placed on inactive reserves, and received an Honorable Discharge on May 31, 1971.

Mr. Donahue returned to Philadelphia to marry his childhood sweetheart on September 6, 1969. He and his wife moved to Deptford in 1970 and have been here ever since. They now have 3 sons, 10 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.