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A golden opportunity

My history in the Legislature shows involvement in civil rights for all from the very beginning.

— Shirley Gold

BY KELLY MASEK

Shirley Gold was first elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1981 and has served as the District 14 (Southeast Portland) representative since that time. Last year she was elected House majority leader. She is currently seeking election as the state senator for District 7.

Shirley, in your press release you say you will represent all the citizens in your district. With that in mind, what message do you have for your gay and lesbian constituents? How will you support and promote their interests in the Senate?

"The basis I start from with any group is the right of every American citizen to live as full a life as they can according to their beliefs. When I have legislation before me, I evaluate it this way. I will do the same as a senator.

Last term you testified on behalf of the gay rights bill (HB 2325). Why did it fail to pass? What will it take for gay rights to become a priority issue with legislators? How can the gay and lesbian community facilitate this process?

"Among our group in the House and, I suppose, in the Senate, we have some who are sort of closet sympathizers. If faced with [gay rights] legislation on the floor of the House or Senate their conscience will force them to vote for it. They are an unknown factor. Their support is difficult to line up. Among Vera [Vera Katz, House speaker] and myself there is a core group that has worked quite closely with the ACLU lobbyist [Laurie Inacy of the American Civil Liberties Union Commission on Gay and Lesbian Rights] and other groups you might not think of as allies, but who are adamant on the civil rights issues. We strove mightily to get the votes from the Judiciary Committee. We did not succeed in getting it out of committee.

"There are three types of supportive legislators. There are the kind that come to the Legislature and actively pursue support for their issues. Then there are those who are openly supportive, but busy with other things. They will tell you, 'Yes, I'm there and if anyone asks me publicly, yes, I support this issue.' The third group are those who just won't tell you. You know who they are and you know if you can get the bill to the floor, they'll support it. Those who disappoint us most are in this latter group. They will not declare themselves.

"Those who openly advocated for HB 2325 on the Judiciary Committee were Judith Bauman, David Dix and Dick Springer among the Democrats. Tom Hanlon (Democrat) was supportive, but it's not clear to me whether he was publicly supportive. The other Democrat on the committee we could not succeed with was Mike Burton.

"Those on the committee who were not open advocates of the bill, who were supportive, but fearful for their political careers, required a show of votes on the floor. Laurie Inacy was constantly trying to get that necessary support from the general group. She had perhaps 25 or 26 votes [of 31 required].

"Those legislators who don't have the courage to go with an issue have to be shown by the people in the community who elect them that this is not only the thing to do, but they'd better do it because there is enough of a force in this community to make a difference for them politically. I don't mean that as a threat, just prove there is support for the issue.

"I don't know if there was a special effort made [by the gay and lesbian community] to get support from Tom Hanlon's or Mike Burton's constituency. Once a bill is assigned to a committee it is critical for the lobbying group to see to contact of these committee members by their



constituents. Another meaningful way to gain support is to advocate through the member's business peers. For example, Mike Burton is the head of the business administration department at Marylhurst College. He has much contact with the Portland business community. A number of highly respected business community people are gay or gay supporters. This would be very meaningful contact for Mike. What you are trying to do on this particular issue is instill some courage in the individual. The most important advice I could give to the gay and lesbian community is to work on creating courage in those whom you need to speak on your behalf of the Legislature."

Could you briefly describe your other priorities?

"My priorities continue to be as they have been. I focus on the preventive, such as early childhood education and prenatal care, with the idea of changing things for the better from the very beginning. I also work on the other end of the spectrum because I believe that older people have done their thing for our community and they rate a peaceful and productive old age.

A final question, Shirley. Do you perceive the gay and lesbian community as coming into power?

"Yes! Sanford Director's birthday party was a real sign to the mainstream public that you are mainstream community folks, you have arrived. Every available space inside the Montgomery Park Building was occupied. It was packed with gay and lesbian community members and their supporters. Many of the people attending were prestigious community members both in the mainstream and gay communities. This carries clout in politics and in society. You couldn't even find a parking place!"

Editor's note: Shirley Gold is seeking election to the state senate seat now held by Rod Monroe. Monroe, it will be remembered, is no friend to gays and lesbians. In a campaign in the late 1970s, Monroe accepted money and an endorsement from the Portland Town Council. At about the same time, in response to a question put to him by Keeston Lowery at a public forum, Monroe stated that he would vote in favor of a gay rights bill if it came up again. In 1983, a gay rights bill lost by one vote in the Oregon Senate. Rod Monroe voted against the bill.

In a contribution solicitation appeal mailed to his constituents last year, Monroe said, "I am facing opposition in the May primary from groups and individuals who object to the strong stands I have taken on basic moral questions facing our society" (emphasis in the original). •