

1983, Brother Reinhart led the committee on the revision of the Liturgy of the Hours at Saint John's Abbey, a version that is still used in public prayer services. Brother Reinhart oversaw the completion of student housing units, academic buildings, sports facilities, a student center and the art center as well as implementing the educational Core Curriculum and developing new majors in Peace Studies and in Communications to accommodate both the increasing number of students and the rising student academic profile.

In November of 2008, after being diagnosed with malignant metastatic melanoma, Brother Reinhart commented that "Saint John's is a community where people stand by each other—they care about each other—and that there is always room in this community". Brother Reinhart passed away at the retirement center at St. John's Abbey on December 29, 2008. He will be deeply missed by his community and it is my honor to rise with the thousands of students whose lives he enriched to recognize his life and his accomplishments before you today.

COMMENDING JANET MALKO OF UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of National Women's History Month and to congratulate Janet Malko of Garwood, New Jersey who will be honored on Friday, March 27, 2009 at the 17th Annual Women of Excellence Dinner held in Union County, New Jersey.

This special annual event is held by the Union County Commission on the Status of Women in the Seventh Congressional District to highlight the amazing work of individuals who are making our communities better places to live. The Commission on the Status of Women organization seeks to recognize the contributions of women in the fields of education, health care, the arts, government, business, law, community service, technology, public service, women's advocacy and lifetime achievement.

This year's Lifetime Achievement Award for Education will be given to Janet Malko. Janet Malko has been associated with St. Mary of the Assumption High School, located in Elizabeth, New Jersey for forty years. She first served as a teacher and is currently the school's principal. She has been involved in nearly every facet of the educational process. In addition to her duties as principal, she teaches two math classes, greets students each day and knows most of them by name. Ms. Malko is sensitive to the unique needs of each student, handling each with compassion, helps struggling students, and offers support and encouragement to students and their families. She sets a positive tone for the school, encouraging her faculty to provide the student body with a strong foundation of discipline, tolerance, respect, integrity, self-reliance and confidence, while stressing the importance of a solid education, civic responsibility, and community service.

Under her leadership, the students at St. Mary's have succeeded academically, with

over 87 percent of the 2008 graduating class attending four year colleges and universities on full academic scholarships, totally over 5 million dollars.

Janet Malko has made a difference in the lives of her students and has been a positive role model instilling the qualities of resilience and perseverance. She made significant achievements in education.

I am pleased to congratulate Janet Malko for her outstanding efforts and share her good work with my colleagues in the United States Congress and the American people.

RECOGNIZING AND REMEMBERING PETER J. COURCY, AND HIS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I proudly rise today in memory of one of our nation's bravest and finest men who gave his life protecting our nation and its citizens. Corporal Peter J. Courcy, who served in Afghanistan as a part of the 4th Platoon, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country on February 10th of 2009.

Courcy, a graduate of Frisco High School, was known by others for his positive outlook on life. Serving his country in the military was a lifelong dream of his, which he fulfilled when he joined the Army in 2006. He had ambitions to become part of Army Special Forces. His commitment to his country was so strong that he was willing to endure the pain of being away from his family—including his wife and newborn son, who live in The Colony, Texas. Corporal Courcy was preparing to end his tour in Afghanistan and return home to see his family when he was killed.

Corporal Courcy will forever remain in the hearts of his family, friends, and fellow soldiers. It is my honor to have represented Corporal Peter J. Courcy in the 26th District of Texas, and I extend my sincerest condolences to his family and friends. He will be deeply missed and the nation will be forever grateful for his honorable service.

HONORING COMMISSIONER MIKE FRANCIS OF SUMTER COUNTY, FLORIDA

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who dedicated many years and his final days to serving his community. Sumter County Commissioner Mike Francis passed away after a months long struggle with an illness. At a young 70, Mr. Francis was taken too soon.

Originally from Chicago, Mr. Francis first served as a Lady Lake Commissioner before being elected Sumter County Commissioner in 2004. A principled and passionate leader, he served as Chairman of the County Board in 2006 and 2007.

Mr. Francis was one of the first from The Villages to serve on the board. He was a tireless and vocal advocate for issues related to the Villages. He fought to reduce taxes for the community and promoted increased fiscal accountability county wide.

A well-loved family man, Mr. Francis leaves behind his wife Pat. The Francises have five grown childred, including one foster child, and seven grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, it is public servants like Mr. Francis that keep our communities and counties running strong at home. His dedication and willingness to serve are admired and stand as a model to others. We thank him for his service. He will be missed.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. DOC HASTINGS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Madam Speaker, to provide open disclosure, I am submitting the following information regarding projects that I support for inclusion in H.R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009.

Amount: \$34,451,000

Account: Corps of Engineers, Construction
Entity receiving funds: Army Corps of Engineers located at 441 G St NW, Washington, DC 20314.

Description: Funds will be used to deepen the navigation channel from the mouth of the Columbia River to the Portland/Vancouver area.

Amount: \$12,078,000

Account: US Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources
Entity receiving funds: US Bureau of Reclamation located at 115 N Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706.

Description: Funds will be used to operate the Columbia Basin irrigation project.

Amount: \$916,000

Account: US Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources
Entity receiving funds: US Bureau of Reclamation located at 115 N Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706.

Description: Funds will be used to complete a study to address a depleted aquifer that farmers are dependent upon for irrigation water.

Amount: \$145,000

Account: US Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources
Entity receiving funds: US Bureau of Reclamation located at 115 N Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706.

Description: Funds will be used for critical Reclamation activities within Washington state.

Amount: \$8,172,000

Account: US Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources
Account: Federal Highway Administration: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Entity receiving funds: Kittitas County Public Works located at 411 North Ruby Street, Suite 1, Ellensburg, WA 98926.

Description: This funding will be used to widen a portion of the Kittitas Highway.

Amount: \$1,757,500

Account: Federal Transit Administration: Buses and Bus Facilities

Entity receiving funds: Ben Franklin Transit located at 1000 Columbia Park Trail, Richland, WA 99352.

Description: This funding will enable Ben Franklin Transit to expand its current bus facility.

Amount: \$475,000

Account: Federal Transit Administration: Buses and Bus Facilities

Entity receiving funds: Grant Transit Authority located at 9 Basin Street Southwest, Suite 102, Ephrata, WA 98823.

Description: This funding will be used for a new operations and bus maintenance facility in Moses Lake, Washington.

Amount: \$798,000

Account: Housing and Urban Development: Economic Development Initiative

Entity receiving funds: City of Roslyn located at 1st and Pennsylvania, Roslyn, WA 98941.

Description: This funding will be used to provide structural upgrades and other improvements to Roslyn's City Hall building, so that this 106 year-old building can continue to serve as a civic, cultural and community center.

Amount: \$500,000

Account: U.S. Department of Justice

Entity receiving funds: City of Yakima located at 129 North 2nd Street, Yakima, WA 98901.

Description: These funds will be used to develop a system that allows all the public safety agencies in Yakima County to integrate their data communications and records systems. This system will provide comprehensive data to all local law enforcement officials, as well as federal and state agencies. It will give the various law enforcement agencies the tools they need to address the gang and drug problems in the region.

Amount: \$1,000,000

Account: U.S. Department of Justice

Entity receiving funds: US Bureau of Reclamation located at 115 N Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706.

Description: Funds will be used for the US Bureau of Reclamation Yakima Project.

Amount: \$7,793,000

Account: US Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Entity receiving funds: US Bureau of Reclamation located at 115 N Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706.

Description: Funds will be used to improve the water supply for irrigation and increase flows for fish.

Amount: \$500,000

Account: US Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related Resources

Entity receiving funds: US Bureau of Reclamation located at 115 N Curtis Road, Boise, ID 83706.

Description: Funds will be used for Yakima River Basin water storage.

Amount: \$2,185,000

Account: Federal Highway Administration: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Entity receiving funds: City of Kennewick located at 210 West 6th Avenue, Kennewick, WA 99336.

Description: This funding will extend Steptoe Street, a major roadway through Kennewick and Richland. This project will assist in relieving traffic congestion on Columbia Center Boulevard.

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Amount: \$570,000

Account: Federal Highway Administration: Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Entity receiving funds: City of Union Gap located at 102 West Ahtanum Road, Union Gap, WA 98903.

Description: This funding will make improvements to Valley Mall Boulevard in the City of Union Gap. It will alleviate safety hazards and provide access to growing commercial areas.

Amount: \$736,250

Account: Federal Aviation Administration: Airport Improvements

Entity receiving funds: Pangborn Memorial Airport located at 1 Pangborn Drive, East Wenatchee, WA 98802.

Description: This funding will make modifications to the passenger terminal at the Pangborn Memorial Airport to accommodate larger commercial aircraft service.

Amount: \$332,500

Entity receiving funds: Washington State Meth Initiative located at 510 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma, WA 98402.

Description: These funds will be used to fight methamphetamine in Washington state.

Amount: \$2,192,000

Account: Agriculture Research Service—Buildings and Construction

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: These funds will help construct an ARS research facility in Pullman to provide a research facility for more than 40 ARS scientists and programs.

Amount: \$254,000

Account: Agriculture Research Service

Entity receiving funds: Northwest Center for Small Fruits Research located at 4845 Southwest Dresden Avenue, Corvallis, OR 97333.

Description: This funding will provide enhanced research on small fruit pathology. In addition, the funds will be used for site feasibility and design for new facilities.

Amount: \$245,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: This money will support research into the biomass potential of *aegilops cylindricum* and similar grassy weeds.

Amount: \$469,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: This funding will support the International Marketing Program for Agricultural Commodities and Trade Center which applies science and technology to develop new export marketing opportunities.

Amount: \$235,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: This funding will support a multi-state effort to improve efficiency of the U.S. dry pea, fresh pea, lentil, and chickpea industries.

Amount: \$248,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: Funds will be used for research on organic cropping systems, nutrient and soil management and organic seed production.

Amount: \$1,037,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: Funds will be used for research on potato production including varietal development testing.

Amount: \$471,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: This will fund research to locate and characterize genes to use in applied barley breeding.

Amount: \$307,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Northwest Center for Small Fruit Research located at 4845 SW Dresden Ave., Corvallis, OR 97333

Description: Funds will be used for research on berry and grape crops, including plant breeding and pest management.

Amount: \$444,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: Funds will be used to develop planting systems that reduce soil erosion.

Amount: \$223,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: Funds will be used to develop virus-free plant material for wine grapes.

Amount: \$173,000

Account: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, SRG

Entity receiving funds: Washington State University's Office of Grant and Research Development located at 423 Neill Hall, Pullman, WA 99164.

Description: Funds will be used to develop technologies that increase the competitiveness of the domestic asparagus industry.

Amount: \$761,000

Account: Health, Resources and Services Administration—Health Facilities and Services

Entity receiving funds: Douglas, Grant, Lincoln and Okanogan Counties Public Hospital District #6, located at 411 Fortuyn Rd, Grand Coulee, WA 99133.

Description: Funds will be used for facilities and equipment for the hospital.

Amount: \$809,000

Account: Health, Resources and Services Administration Health Facilities and Services

Entity receiving funds: Kadlec Medical Center, located at 888 Swift Blvd., Richland, WA 99352

Description: Funds will be used to construct and equip a new Pediatric Unit.

RECOGNIZING EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL IN RIALTO, CALIFORNIA, FOR WINNING THE DIVISION 2 STATE TITLE IN BOY'S BASKETBALL

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the boy's basketball team at Eisenhower high school, in my hometown of Rialto, for winning the California Interscholastic Federation Division 2 state title on Friday, March 20.

The Eisenhower Eagles ended their 32–3 season with a 73–61 victory over the Rocklin Thunder. Friday's win was the 23rd consecutive victory for the Eagles, and occurred in front of a crowd of over 10,000 in Sacramento.

Eisenhower's remarkable run to the state title came after a 28–3 regular season, and playoff victories over state powerhouse Loyola, and a win against high rated Leuzinger.

Their historic victory marks the first ever California Interscholastic Federation state title for a school from San Bernardino County.

Everyone said they were too small, but led by head coach Steve Johnson, the undersized Eisenhower squad achieved victory against a taller Rocklin team by causing turnovers with quick-handed tactics and dominating the Thunder in transition points up and down the court.

Coach Johnson has led the Eagles program back to greatness only two years after taking a several year hiatus from coaching.

I specifically want to recognize all 9 Eisenhower players, and thank Andrew Bock, Bryan Bock, Alex Varner, Nicholas Carter, Keyon Sayles, Devin Garner, Nazareth Richardson, Bernard Ireland, and Kirby Gardner for their hard work and commitment to excellence throughout the season.

I also want to recognize the parents, assistant coaches, and school administrators—who all played a critical role in Eisenhower's State Championship run.

Brendan Lane, star player for the opposing Rocklin Thunder, said about the Eagles, "They're relentless. They get every rebound and every loose ball. They come after you the whole time."

On behalf of myself, my wife Barbara, Councilman Joe Baca Jr., Jeremy, Jennifer, and Natalie Baca, I congratulate the Eisenhower Eagles for their relentless effort, not just in the title game but throughout the season. I thank Coach Johnson and all the Eagle players, for their grit and determination, and the hope their achievement has brought to the Inland community in these times of economic difficulty.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL PASCHELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. PASCHELL. Madam Speaker, I want to state for the record that today, March 24th, I was detained in my district and therefore missed the three rollcall votes of the day. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 147 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1617—Department of Homeland Security Component Privacy Act of 2009. Had I been present I would have also voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 148 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 730—Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act. Lastly, had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote No. 149 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H. Res. 182—Expressing support for designation of the week of March 1 through March 8, 2009, as School Social Work Week.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID H. DUBBS, JR.

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late Dr. David H. Dobbs, Jr., a beloved and dedicated public servant who tirelessly devoted his efforts to the well-being of our nation's most important asset, our children, as a valued educator of the Miami-Dade County community and beyond. Moreover, I would like to commend him for his years of service to the Miami-Dade County School System and his long standing involvement in the South Florida community.

Dr. Dobbs, a Miami native, was born to David H. Dobbs, Sr., and Gussie Dobbs on May 19, 1945. After graduating from Miami Northwestern Senior High School, he furthered his education at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio where he majored in political science. Dr. Dobbs then obtained his master's degree in administration and his doctorate in administration and supervision, both from Nova Southeastern University. Throughout his life, Dr. Dobbs' warm spirited persona and exceptional educational background contributed to his unwavering commitment to help others.

He began his professional career as a teacher at Pine Villa Elementary and then moved to Mays Elementary. Dr. Dobbs also taught at Citrus Grove Middle School, Henry Fowler Elementary School and Miami Beach Senior High School. As his career flourished, he then became an assistant principal at Miami Killian Senior High School and principal of Zora Neale Hurston Elementary where he retired from in 2006. He also served as a district director with the Miami-Dade County Public School System. Through his experience, it is quite clear that he was successful at meeting the challenge of educating the needs of his community's young people.

Upon retirement, Dr. Dobbs continued to devote his life to the field of education and to his community while serving on a number of boards, including vice-chairman of the Florida Memorial University advisory board. Aside

from the fact that Dr. Dobbs was an outstanding professional educator, he was well read in African-American history and politics and would engage in a very stimulating conversation on any topic.

Dr. Dobbs is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Mrs. Priscilla Dobbs and daughter Priscilla Rashida Dobbs.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and all the members of this esteemed legislative body to join me in recognizing the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Dr. David H. Dobbs, Jr. I am honored to pay tribute to Dr. Dobbs for his invaluable services and tireless dedication to the South Florida educational community. Dr. Dobbs' life was a triumph and he was blessed with a loving family who took pleasure in every aspect of his life and his interests. He will be missed by all who knew him, and I appreciate this opportunity to pay tribute to him before the United States House of Representatives.

CONGRATULATING JEFF PARKS UPON HIS GRADUATION

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jeff Parks on the day of his graduation from the U.S. Marine Corps Officer Candidate School (OCS). Parks embodies the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment that define a Marine.

Jeff Parks is an officer who truly exemplifies his school motto, "Ductus Exemplo" (Leadership by Example). Parks served for nine years as an enlisted officer in the Marines—two tours in Iraq and two in Africa on humanitarian missions—and I would like to congratulate him on earning the privilege to lead Marines.

I had the honor of having him work on my campaign, and I was impressed by his bold and noble goals and ambitions. He is a determined, hard-working individual, illustrated by the fact that he finished 2nd in his OCS class. Parks will continue with his training at The Basic School (TBS) at Quantico.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Jeff Parks for his outstanding accomplishment. His determination is a source of motivation to others. It is my honor to represent him in the 26th district of Texas.

HONORING LT. COLONEL PAUL MOORE, JR.

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

Mr. DOYLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a Pittsburgh resident and a constituent of mine, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Moore, Jr. Lieutenant Colonel Moore is retiring from the United States Army after an illustrious 22-year career protecting the safety and freedom of our great nation.

His career began while attending college at the University of Indiana of Pennsylvania, where he was enlisted in the Army Reserves as a wheeled vehicle mechanic while getting