

families and communities encourage early literacy skills. Specifically, this funding will be used to ensure that all children and families receive the support and assistance they need to develop these skills and children are prepared to start kindergarten ready to learn. I support the funding of this nation-wide program and note that Delaware does not benefit more from this funding more than any other state.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Education, Innovation and Improvement

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Teach for America

Address of Requesting Entity: 315 West 36th Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10018

Description of Request: \$14,895,000 for the Teach for America Program, authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to provide for recruiting, selecting, training, and supporting a national teacher corps in underserved communities. I support the funding of this nation-wide program and note that Delaware does not benefit more from this funding more than any other state.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Education, Safe Schools and Citizenship Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Center for Civic Education

Address of Requesting Entity: 5145 Douglas Fir Road, Calabasas, CA 91302-1440

Description of Request: \$25,095,000 for Center for Civic Education's We the People Program and Cooperative Education Exchange Program, authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as part of the Civic Education Program to support programs which represent the federal government's most effective means of educating American students about the fundamental ideals of our nation and to assist emerging democracies in establishing a political culture supportive of democratic values, principles, and institutions. I support the funding of this nation-wide program and note that Delaware does not benefit more from this funding more than any other state.

Requesting Member: Congressman MICHAEL N. CASTLE

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Education, Safe Schools and Citizenship Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Center for Civic Education

Address of Requesting Entity: 5145 Douglas Fir Road, Calabasas, CA 91302-1440

Description of Request: \$5,019,000 for Center for Civic Education's National Council of Economic Education for cooperative Education Exchange Program, authorized under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as part of the Civic Education Program to support programs which represent the federal government's most effective means of educating American students about the fundamental ideals of our nation and to assist emerging democracies in establishing a political culture supportive of democratic values, principles, and institutions. I support the funding of this nation-wide program and note that Delaware

does not benefit more from this funding more than any other state.

CONGRATULATING MS. CAROL ROBINSON

**HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the members of the General Daniel "Chappie" James American Legion Auxiliary Post 776, located in my congressional district in Riverside Ohio, for the service its members have given to our nation and our community.

Ms. Carol T. Robinson has completed a successful year as the 2007-2008 Department of Ohio President of the American Legion Auxiliary. She is the first African-American woman to hold the office. Ms. Robinson joined the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 776 through her late brother, William A. Hawkins, a U.S. Army veteran during the Korean War.

Ms. Robinson organized a project with Sew Much Comfort, a local nonprofit organization, to supply adaptive clothing for hospitalized amputee service members. For the 89th Department of Ohio American Legion Convention held last July in Dayton, she asked each attendee to bring a donation for our troops. Ultimately, Ms. Robinson sorted, packed and shipped 48 boxes (503.7 pounds) for our wounded warriors. This summer, at the National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary held in Phoenix, Arizona, Ms. Robinson accepted four National Awards, several Central Division Awards and Certificates for Auxiliary programs conducted during her administration.

The American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest, nonprofit, patriotic women's service organization whose members do volunteer work for a multitude of worthwhile causes which benefit American's veterans, children and communities. It is my privilege to recognize Ms. Carol Robinson and the members of the General Daniel "Chappie" James American Legion Auxiliary Post 776 for their leadership and service to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, on Monday, March 9, 2009 I did not vote due to my attendance of the funeral of Los Angeles Police Department's Deputy Chief Kenneth O. Garner. Deputy Chief Garner attended schools in the California 37th District, commanded over many stations in my district and was instrumental to the success of the Watts Gang Task Force evident by the busloads of residents who attended his service. Deputy Chief Garner will be remembered for his 30 years of service to the Los Angeles community and his achievement of greater respect and peace within the police department and the African American/Latino neighborhoods. Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes No. 110, No. 111 and No. 112.

A TRIBUTE MR. JODIE BAILEY

**HON. WM. LACY CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jodie Bailey a Missouri coaching and community legend. Mr. Bailey had a positive influence in the sport of basketball, in the lives of the young men he coached and his community.

My first encounter with Mr. Bailey was 45 years ago at the age of 7 years old. He was Head Camp Counselor for Camp Rivercliff of the YMCA, where I attend summer camp. He had a positive impact on my life at an impressionable age and helped make me the man I am today.

Mr. Bailey set unprecedented records and won championships over the span of 42 seasons at three different area St. Louis Public High schools. He had an outstanding record of 824 wins with only 198 losses. He coached many great sports stars, including the late Elston Howard of the New York Yankees and the Boston Celtics Jo Jo White. His accomplishments led him to be inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in 1989.

He put an emphasis on teaching fundamentals in the game of basketball. He always worked to get young people to be the best they could be. In addition, Mr. Bailey was a teacher who took time to make personal investments in each of his student's lives, which they remember until this day.

Mr. Bailey always sought to impart knowledge into the people that came into his life. He was a tenacious but mild-mannered coach; always ready to give constructive and encouraging words of advice.

His success as a coach spanned four decades including the turbulent 1950's and 60's that included segregation and the Civil Rights movement. He continued coaching through the 1980's. Mr. Bailey was a role model on and off of the court teaching integrity and self-respect to his players. He was a respected community leader and viewed as a "Godly" man.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Mr. Bailey, a man of humility and passion who's influence surpassed his coaching success. He made a difference in all the lives he touched. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Jodie Bailey, coaching and life legend.

IN HONOR OF BROTHER DIETRICH REINHART

**HON. MICHELE BACHMANN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Brother Dietrich Reinhart, President Emeritus of Saint John's University in Collegeville, MN. Brother Reinhart faithfully served his community since 1967 in various roles as a student, professor, dean and finally, as President of the University.

His accomplishments at Saint John's are numerous and have impacted so many students' everyday life. As liturgy director in

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