

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

his degree in criminology. Upon graduation, he received his first active duty assignment with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, stationed in Amberg, Germany. He was quickly assigned to a number of leadership positions while stationed there, including M1 Abrams tank platoon leader, scout platoon leader, support platoon leader, and executive officer.

The experiences he acquired in his first active duty assignment included the field that he would eventually devote the majority of his career to—military intelligence. Colonel Moore helped provide valuable intelligence to our service men and women across the globe to ensure they completed their missions efficiently and safely. He served the intelligence community as Detachment L commander for the Washington field office during Operation Desert Storm, Chief of the Military Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Team, Product Manager for Information Warfare within Program Executive Office Intelligence, and as the Army's Senior Systems Coordinator for Information Operations.

Lieutenant Colonel Moore has received countless awards and decorations from his years of service. These include, but are by no means limited to, the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, The Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and The Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Albert Einstein put it perfectly when he said "only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." Lieutenant Colonel Moore has exemplified a life lived in the service of others. I want to commend Lieutenant Colonel Moore and thank him for his long and honorable service to our country. I wish him a happy retirement and many years of joy with his family and friends.

COMMENDING DENISE MILES 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 Denise Miles of Summit, 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 Volunteerism Award will be given to Denise because of her extensive volunteer efforts at numerous organizations throughout Union County.

Specifically, Denise is considered the backbone of the Wallace Chapel of the AME Zion Church, where every Monday she calls church

members who were not in church on Sunday and checks in on those who are sick or homebound. Each Tuesday Denise delivers Meals on Wheels where she spends time with each family and brings them food and friendship. After working for 38 years at Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey as a nurse, Denise now volunteers in the hospital's Chaplain Service. In this effort, she goes room to room visiting patients of all denominations. Denise also volunteers weekly at her local library and reads to preschoolers during story time.

Denise keeps this vigorous volunteer schedule despite the fact that she does not have a car. She literally volunteers every day of the week by walking from place to place or taking the bus.

Denise Miles of Summit, New Jersey is a true American hero. She has demonstrated a deep commitment to helping others through her selfless sacrifice and hard work. So many people in Union County benefit directly from her efforts.

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

OPPOSING THE BLAIR HOLT'S  
FIREARM LICENSING AND  
RECORD OF SALE ACT

**HON. DENNY REHBERG**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 24, 2009*

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, a few weeks ago, I stood on the floor of the House of Representatives to express the outrage I'm hearing from Montanans regarding H.R. 45 and similar bills that erode our Second Amendment rights and make eventual confiscation of firearms easier. Even gun-control advocates understand that this bill goes too far. They promise that H.R. 45 will never pass.

Notice, they don't say it shouldn't pass—only that it won't.

Some of my colleagues here in Washington, D.C. wish it could pass. And that's why it remains so important to stand our ground against The Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act and similar measures.

Thomas Jefferson wrote, "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance." While public outcry has made H.R. 45 a politically unattractive proposal for now, make no mistake about it: if we ease back, even for a moment, opponents of the Second Amendment will take advantage.

I recently created a user-group on the popular social networking website Facebook entitled "Fight to Protect the 2nd Amendment Against H.R. 45." It has been incredible to watch the response as friends have invited friends to join and people posted their opinions on "The Wall" for others to read. In a little over two weeks, the group has more than 1,500 members, with more joining every day.

Sadly a bill like H.R. 45 isn't politically unattractive because it's a bad idea. Congress passes bad ideas every day. It's politically unattractive because Americans like those in my Facebook group are taking Thomas Jefferson's advice and remaining vigilant. It's politically unattractive because of the grassroots advocacy that has arisen against it.

To make it clear that advocates of liberty will pay the price of vigilance for our freedom, here is a sampling of some of the comments that were written on the wall in that angry little corner of Facebook.

"The ability to bear arms has much more to do with being able to protect one's self than it does for those hunting. I used a 22 rifle once to keep an invader out of my apartment. I didn't have any ammo but all the guy needed to see was my gun pointing at him when he broke into my front door, he promptly left and I was one less victim of who knows what crime. Don't take that right to defend myself away from me. I don't want to be a statistic!"—Jaclyn Colebank

"As once was written, 'If guns kill people then pencils misspell words.' As an avid gun owner and 25 year old female I appreciate the constitution and the rights we have been given. The second amendment assists us in protecting the first. If someone decides to break into my home and deprive me of my life, liberty and/or happiness, I am going to protect those rights using a firearm if necessary."—Amanda Barta

"I use to never want to have a gun in my home. They always scared me. My husband is a trucker and over a year I am pretty much alone with just my son in the home. I am disabled so I can't really get away from someone if they were to break in. A couple of guys threatened my son and myself. Immediately I told my husband that soon as he came home we were going to get me a gun and he was going to teach me to shoot. I need to know how to protect my family and myself. I also realize that an unarmed society is nothing but slaves to the government. The Founding Fathers knew that the people needed a way to protect themselves from a government gone wild which is why they made sure we have the 2nd amendment. I am now a member of the NRA and I will not be disarmed. Statistics prove that areas that have gun bans have a much higher crime rate. I am a rape survivor and had I carried a gun then maybe I would not have been a victim. Never again."—Anita Calbert

"If I'm a violent criminal all set to ply my trade, I'd rather operate in an unarmed helplessness community than your basic Montana town. What is it about an armed populace that is so frightening?"—Randy Nankivel

"The second amendment states, 'A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.' While H.R. 45 does not outright ban guns, it would impair the purchase and ownership of arms to the point to where it would have the same effect as a ban, and as such H.R. 45 should be considered unconstitutional. Opponents will claim as long as there is the opportunity to buy a gun, however small, the second amendment would not be violated. This is an abuse of the definition and meaning of the second amendment, unfairly restricting the scope of amendment and marginalizing it until rendered ineffective."—Eric Fulton

"Being a gun owner is not only a privilege but my right. Anyone who wants to take our gun rights has forgotten how the birth of our great country came about. I enjoy target shooting as well as hunting. It is something my husband and I do to spend time together. If we let Congress pass any bill allowing them to take our guns, it would be detrimental to the well being of every American. The criminals will have them anyway and the hard working citizens will have no way to protect themselves, not to mention being able to hunt. Hunting is a way of life for a lot of families, especially families who cannot afford to buy beef etc. I see absolutely nothing positive being gained by taking our gun rights."—Tara Preshinger