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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Dear Neighbors

Our veterans sacrifice greatly to ensure that we enjoy the fruits of freedom—so we can wake up in the morning, put in a good days work, and come home to our families at the end of each day. It is because of our veterans that we have a chance to live the American Dream. So, it is of the utmost importance that we pass legislation that creates opportunities which give veterans a fair chance to experience the American dream that they have fought to preserve. It is for these reasons that I have been tediously working to pass a number of bills relating to veteran issues. And, today, I have the privilege of informing you about two bills that just passed the House floor.



First, HB 3303-A, which **gives disabled veterans preferential priorities in public contracting by providing them with an expanded chance at securing employment**, passed the House floor on April 23, 2015. I am grateful for the successful passage of House Bill 3303-A. Representative Gomberg and I co-sponsored this measure to foster increased opportunity for disabled veterans' seeking to build new dreams with their new circumstances. This is a small but critical thing that we can do to help veterans reintegrate into our communities.

Second, HCR 22, **which honors the ultimate sacrifice made Army Specialist Taylor Daniel Marks**, was passed on April 23, 2015. Army Specialist Taylor Daniel Marks was born on November 9, 1989, in Salem, Oregon. He moved to Monmouth and graduated from Central High School in 2008. Shortly after graduation, he enlisted in the Oregon National Guard as a linguist specialist. He had planned to enroll in the University of Oregon to study finance and Japanese. He was deployed to Iraq on June 19, 2009 with the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Army Specialist Taylor Marks died on August 28, 2009, from wounds sustained in an attack by insurgents in Rashid, Iraq. "Therefore, be it resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon: That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Army Specialist Taylor Daniel Marks for his service to his country." If you are interested and would like to see the video of the floor discussions on HCR 22 please click [here](#).



Army Specialist
Taylor Daniel Marks

The sacrifices that our veterans make are selfless: They put their safety—and sometimes their lives—on the line to ensure our safety, liberty, and freedom, and so it is critical that we implement legislation that aids veterans reintegrating into society. **Although we are heading in**

the right direction, HR 3303-A and HRC 22 represent a beginning: we must do more for the men and women that sacrifice for us.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul L. Evans". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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