



Mary Lecocq

Quick Facts

Birth: July 7, 1895
Belmont, Iowa

Death: February 6, 1991
Bellingham, Washington

Occupation: Teacher

Party Affiliation: Republican

Years served: 1953-55

Office: Representative

District: 41 (Whatcom County)

Personal:

- Born to Reverend John and Irena DeBeer
- Taught school in South Dakota
- Married Irwin LeCocq on April 1, 1918
- Moved to Lynden, Washington in 1929
- One son
- Husband served as Mayor of Lynden, 1948-1960

Education:

- Normal School, Peoria, Illinois, Bachelor's Degree

Community Service:

Affiliations:

- American Legion Auxiliary
- Faith Reformed Church
- National Board of the Reformed Church in America
- Women's Christian Temperance Movement

Awards:

Legislative & State Service:

- Instrumental in closing "committee room 13," a party room in the state Capitol

Committees: Insurance, chair; Agriculture and Livestock; Claims, Auditing and Printing; Education and Libraries; Social Security

House Bills sponsored:**(1953 session)**

98-Relating to garnishment fees

Went to third reading

103-Requiring posted notice of application of transfer of liquor license

Went to first reading

358-Providing for prior service credit for state patrol retirement members

Signed by Governor Langlie

House Joint Resolutions sponsored:**(1953 session)**

15-Proclaiming October 15 as poetry day

Reported out of committee and died

Leadership, Positions & Appointments:

- First woman to chair the Whatcom County Republican Central Committee

Sources:

Articles:

- “Mary DeBeer LeCocq dies at age 95,” *The Bellingham Herald*, February 8, 1991

Books:

- *Ray Moore: An Oral History*, interviewed by Sharon Boswell, Washington State Oral History Program, Office of the Secretary of State, 1999