

Tomorrow, we celebrate our friendship and partnership, or as President Park recently said: "the most successful alliance in history." I couldn't agree more.

America is here to help South Korea, as they are here to help us.

That's what friends do for each other.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING DR. J. HERMAN BLAKE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Dr. J. Herman Blake as we celebrate over forty five years of his contributions to higher education. Dr. Blake continues to be a celebrated educator, and we join together in praise of his remarkable academic and cultural contributions to the Bay Area, California, and our great nation.

Born John Herman Blake in Mount Vernon, New York on March 15, 1934, Dr. Blake grew up with six siblings and was raised by a single mother, Lylace E. Blake. Dr. Blake served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and furthered his education with the assistance of the G.I. Bill by graduating from New York University with a B.A. degree in sociology. Dr. Blake went on to receive his M.A. degree and his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley.

Dr. Blake's exemplary academic career has spanned over four decades as a professor, scholar and administrator at a wide array of institutions. He served an eighteen year tenure at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) where he became the first African American on faculty as the Assistant Professor of Sociology. Dr. Blake also served as the founding Provost of Oakes College at UCSC. Following his tenure at UCSC, Dr. Blake went on to serve as President of Tougaloo College in Mississippi.

He has also held positions at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, Mills College in Oakland, California, served as the Vice Chancellor at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, and served as the Director of African American Studies at Iowa State University. Dr. Blake retired from Iowa State University as Professor of Sociology-Emeritus and served most recently as Scholar in Residence and founding Director of the Sea Islands at the University of South Carolina, Beaufort. Currently, Dr. Blake is the Inaugural Humanities Scholar in Residence at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston.

Throughout his prolific career, Dr. Blake has focused on academic achievement of students from minority and/or low-wealth communities. His important work not only focuses on maximizing student achievement and closing disparate learning gaps between our young people, but also focuses on Gullah communities in South Carolina and Black militants in urban communities.

Dr. Blake has earned myriad accolades, including Iowa Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Education and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. He has been awarded six honorary degrees and two presidential medals.

As a student at Mills College, I had the privilege to benefit from Dr. Blake's amazing intellect. Also, I worked with him as a researcher for his book, the autobiography of Huey P. Newton, Revolutionary Suicide. He taught me how to conduct and present thorough research and to this day, these skills I learned under Dr. Blake's tutelage have benefitted my work tremendously. Dr. Blake took me under his wings and encouraged me to study hard. He saw something in me that I did not see. He was patient and kind but he was determined to push my intellect and help me understand I could achieve the American dream regardless of the difficulties I faced as a young single mother on public assistance. For that, I am forever grateful.

Therefore, on behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, Dr. J. Herman Blake, I salute you. You have touched countless lives in profound ways throughout your career, and we wish you continued success and happiness. Thank you for your continued work, and best wishes to you and your loved ones in the years to come.

HONORING TED WELCH

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, there are citizens making up this great country who never cease in offering themselves to their communities while improving the quality of our lives. I rise today to celebrate the time, talents, and treasures of Ted Welch as he retires from decades of active philanthropy.

Ted Welch grew up in a one-room schoolhouse in Decatur County, Tennessee. He joined Southwestern Publishing Company as a student salesman and manager in 1953. During his tenure there, he served as Executive Vice President, a member of the Board of Directors, and a member of the Executive Committee. Working for Southwestern, selling books door-to-door, Ted exemplified the true value of hard work. Thankfully, that service did not stop with his tenure at Southwestern, nor after building a real estate empire. Ted served as a Deacon and Elder at Vice Street Christian Church, former board member of Lexington Theological Seminary, and as a part of the foundation of the Schermerhorn Symphony Center.

Ted Welch has spent his life's work following his passions. As he worked to shape the direction of the country, he labored to shape the direction of the next generation of community leaders. Whether by selling Bibles or actively participating in democracy, it is no simple statement that more have encountered truth and freedom due to Ted Welch's work. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating all Ted Welch has offered to the great state of Tennessee and our beloved country. We join with his wife, his children, and his grandchildren in offering our deepest gratitude for his life's work.

PHYLLIS REYNOLDS-HEBB

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Phyllis Reynolds Hebb for her commitment to early childhood education.

Phyllis's story begins when she enrolled her daughter in New Child Montessori School in Arvada and realized the potential of the Montessori Method. She resigned from her job at the United States Geological Survey and went to work at the Montessori school.

In 1983, the opportunity to purchase the New Child Montessori School presented itself. Phyllis bought the school, renamed it Cornerstone Montessori School and eventually moved the school to the Applewood area. In January of 1997, Phyllis purchased the property at 15970 West 50th Avenue and renovations to the buildings began. Cornerstone Montessori School moved to its current location at the end of May 1997.

Phyllis continued growing the school and extending into the community with a Toddler Program in 2004 and expanded the Spanish Language Program in 2005. Cornerstone Montessori School currently provides dual language Montessori classrooms for preschool and kindergarten aged children. Cornerstone has come full circle with three people on staff who attended Cornerstone as preschoolers and several students who are children of former preschoolers and kindergartners.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Phyllis Reynolds Hebb for thirty years of providing early childhood education to our future leaders. I have no doubt Phyllis will continue to provide adventure, learning and fun to all of her students.

WELCOMING THE NINTH HONOR FLIGHT SOUTH ALABAMA TO WASHINGTON, DC

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize Honor Flight South Alabama and the World War II veterans this very special organization is bringing on its ninth and final flight to Washington, DC, on May 8, 2013. I am honored to insert this tribute in the RECORD on the anniversary of the unconditional surrender of Germany to the allies.

Founded by the South Alabama Veterans Council, Honor Flight South Alabama is an organization whose mission is to fly heroes from southwest Alabama to see their national memorial.

Nearly seven decades have passed since the end of World War II and, regrettably, it took nearly this long to complete work on the memorial that honors the spirit and sacrifice of the 16 million who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and the more than 400,000 who died. Sadly, many veterans did not live long enough to hear their country say "thank you," yet for those veterans still living, Honor Flight provides for many their first—and perhaps only—

opportunity to see the National World War II Memorial, which honors their service and sacrifice.

This final Honor Flight begins at dawn when the veterans will gather at historic Fort Whiting in Mobile and travel to Mobile Regional Airport to board a chartered flight to Washington. During their time in their nation's capital, the veterans will visit the World War II Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, and other memorials.

The veterans will return to Mobile Regional Airport that evening, where some 1,000 people are expected to greet them.

Mr. Speaker, the May 8, 2013, journey of heroes from South Alabama is an appropriate time for us to pause and thank them—and all of the soldiers who fought in World War II. They collectively—and literally—saved the world. They personify the very best America has to offer, and I urge my colleagues to take a moment to pay tribute to their selfless devotion to our country and the freedoms we enjoy.

I salute each of the veterans who made the trip to Washington. May we never forget their valiant deeds and tremendous sacrifices:

Bill Addis; Bill Audrain; George Baker; Joe Befay; Benny Bender; Jerry Bernhardt; Bill Bidez; K.E. Bray; Tommy Breedlove; Bern Brunegraff; George Bryan; Don Burch; Bob Campbell, Sr.; Homer F. Campbell, Sr.; Regie Carpenter; Giles Chapman, Jr.; Ted Christakos; Ed Clapper; John Coleman; Frank Coleman.

Bill Collins, Sr.; Emmett Cox; Jack Davis; John Dodd; Wyman Dupuis; Harry Ellegood; Bill Evers; Bob Ewer; Wes Ferrill; James Forte; William Fountain; Aubrey Fulford; Norm Garlotte; Joe Godwin; Red Guy; Sid Hamilton; John Hampton; Dean Hansen; J.C. Harris, Jr.; Vida Hartfield.

Dick Havron; Robert Hedgepeth; Morris Helms; Dorsey Henderson; Jim Hill; E.R. Holt; L.V. Horne; Dixie Howell; Joe Jones; Joseph Jones; Leon Jones; John Kane; Hilda Kay; Kuhlke Kuhlmann; Will Lambert, Sr.; Herb Law, Jr.; Bo Lewis, Jr.; John Littlepage; Edward Mahon; Ken Main.

Bob Maley; L.C. Malone; Fred Mason; Wild Bill Mathers, Sr.; Duke McCall; Chuck McDonald; Albert McFadden; John C. McFerrin; Nute McLain; Ralph McLaney; Bob McLeod; Mac McRae; Caylop Minchew; Sparks Morris; Maurice Neely; Don Nelson; Lewis Nichols; Jack Nolan, Sr.; Dick Nolte, Sr.; Don Palmer.

Gene Passmore; Bill Phillips; William Rentz; Win Ritchie; Don Roberts; Porter Roberts, Jr.; Jerry Ryals; Tom Shackelford; Herman Shaddix; Terry Shiver; Gene Sorik; Capt. Les Stinson; Steve Thames; Howard Walker, Jr.; Willie Wilson; Doc Wise; Dutch Yon; Marion Yonge; and Robert Johnson, Jr.

A TRIBUTE TO DUPONT PIONEER

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate DuPont Pioneer, based in Johnston, Iowa, for being named a winner of the 2013 Patents for Humanity pilot program by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The Patents for Humanity competition awards patent owners

and licensees who address the world's most daunting humanitarian challenges in innovative ways.

DuPont Pioneer was selected for this prestigious award for its collaborative research and work to increase the nutritional value of sorghum for a growing African population that relies on the food crop as a dietary staple. While affordable and easy to grow in dry, fragile environments, sorghum is deficient in essential nutrients like amino acids, Vitamins A and E, iron, and zinc, and is difficult to digest when cooked. Working through the Africa Biofortified Sorghum Project, a public-private partner consortium, DuPont developed a more nutrient-rich strain of sorghum that is expected to combat malnourishment and benefit millions of Africans in the years ahead.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent DuPont Pioneer in the United States Congress as it continues to work to help feed the world. I commend the company on this tremendous breakthrough that will go to great lengths to improving food security in Africa, and I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating it on receiving this impressive recognition for its efforts.

FORT WOLTERS MEDAL OF HONOR MEMORIAL

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fort Wolters Gate Committee, the service members at Fort Wolters, and the community of Mineral Wells, Texas on the dedication of the Ft Wolters Medal of Honor Memorial. On March 23, 2013, they came together to help honor some of our nation's greatest men and ensure the legacy of their service will never be forgotten.

The Medal of Honor Memorial lies at the heart of the quiet Fort Wolters Historical Park near the main entrance of Fort Wolters. This memorial is composed of stone columns with the fourteen names of the Medal of Honor recipients who trained at Wolters inscribed upon them. These inscriptions tell the stories of men who found themselves in defining moments and responded exceptionally. The following names are those who passed through Wolters as part of their journey to those moments:

1st LT Charles L. Thomas; Birmingham, AL.; 1st Lt Eli L. Whitely; Georgetown, TX; 2nd Lt Audie L. Murphy; Kingston, TX; 1st Lt Jack L. Knight; Garner, TX; SSG Edward A. Carter, Jr.; Los Angeles, CA; 1st Lt Vernon Baker; Cheyenne, WY; 1st Lt James M. Sprayberry; LaGrange, GA; CWO Michael J. Novosel; Etna, PA; MAJ Patrick H. (Pat) Brady; Philip, SD; CWO Frederick E. Ferguson; Pilot Point, TX; CPT Jon E. Swanson; Boulder, CO; MAJ William E. Adams; Casper, WY; CPT Ed (Too Tall) Freeman; Neely, MS; SSG Joe R. Hooper; Louisville, KY.

These fourteen men came from different eras, regions, and backgrounds, but are all connected through a common story. Their stories of duty, honor, sacrifice, and love represent an important part of the American story.

The love of their country and their families brought them to Mineral Wells, but the love for their brothers in arms drove their momentous

actions. When these men met their defining moments they acted with valor and courage and have been recognized with the nation's highest military award: the Medal of Honor.

We are blessed to live in a country with individuals like the ones honored here. Their actions embody our nation's greatest ideals. They proceeded without hesitation to put their country's needs, and more importantly, the lives of the men around them, before their own. We remember them for their meritorious acts of courage and heroism, even though they knew it could cost them their lives.

The memorial in Fort Wolters Historical Park will serve to inspire and teach future generations of duty, honor, and sacrifice. It will serve the families that loved these men as a place to remember their stories and celebrate their lives and achievements.

Again, I would like to thank the volunteers and people of Mineral Wells who worked tirelessly to build this memorial and our veterans and service members whom we owe a debt that can never be repaid.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CONGRESS LEADS BY EXAMPLE ACT OF 2013

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Congress Leads by Example Act of 2013, to subject Congress and the rest of the legislative branch to the federal workplace laws and standards that protect employees in the private sector and the executive branch. In a similar vein, a few weeks ago, I introduced the Member of Congress Pay Sequestration and Fairness Act, which would subject the pay of members of the House and Senate to any future sequestration, or automatic, across-the-board spending cuts. While members of Congress may differ on the merits of sequestration, once Congress passes laws, members should abide by the laws we impose on the American people and American businesses. That was the promise Congress made when we passed the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA).

The CAA was an important first step in making the legislative branch accountable to its employees, but it did not finish the job. The CAA did bring the legislative branch under 13 major civil rights, labor and workplace safety and health laws, but it exempted the legislative branch from important notice and training provisions, and altogether omitted important substantive and administrative protections.

The Congress Leads by Example Act of 2013 is a necessary follow up bill to my 2010 investigation of staff complaints at the Capitol Visitor Center

(CVC) and to the recommendations from the Office of Compliance (OOC), which found a gap in OOC's authority to enforce the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA) provisions against the legislative branch. In the 111th Congress, as chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, I held a hearing examining claims by OOC, which was created by the CAA, of an