

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

estimated 6,300 safety hazards in the U.S. Capitol complex, as well as complaints by CVC tour guides that they were compelled to work in uniforms that were inappropriate for outdoor work in the summer and winter and that there were limits placed on their water consumption. Our hearing demonstrated that many of the serious safety hazards in the Capitol complex had been resolved, and the Architect of the Capitol assured us that it continues to correct the outstanding hazards with due speed. Eventually, the formation of a union local by CVC tour guides led to specific improvements in uniform and water consumption practices and policies.

However, in a 2010 report entitled *Recommendations for Improvements to the Congressional Accountability Act*, OOC identified additional provisions of federal workplace laws and standards that should be applicable to the legislative branch, including laws that grant the OOC General Counsel subpoena power, provide whistleblowers with protection from retaliation, and require the maintenance of employment records. In OOC's 2011 report entitled *State of the Congressional Workplace*, it presents the successes and shortcomings of the CAA by tracking the trends in legislative branch employee complaints and workplace safety hazards in fiscal year 2010. My bill takes into account the OOC reports, and seeks to both apply the standard of fairness to employees in the legislative branch that Congress requires for other employees and to provide a safer work environment for Congress and Capitol Hill employees by bringing the legislative branch substantially in line with what is legally required of private sector employers and the executive branch.

As Congress searches for ways to trim the federal budget, it would be timely to provide whistleblower protections to legislative branch employees so that they can report misuse of federal funds and other legal violations without fear of retaliation. My bill provides general whistleblower protections, also championed by Senators CHUCK GRASSLEY and CLAIRE McCASKILL. My bill also makes applicable additional OSHA provisions to the legislative branch, including providing subpoena authority to OOC to conduct inspections and investigations into OSHA violations, and requiring the posting of notices in workplaces detailing employee rights to a safe workplace under OSHA.

This bill also furthers the CAA's mission to prevent discrimination in legislative branch offices by prohibiting the legislative branch from making adverse employment decisions on the basis of an employee's wage garnishment or involvement in bankruptcy proceedings pursuant to the Consumer Credit Protection Act (CCPA) and Chapter 11 of the bankruptcy code. The bill requires legislative branch employers to provide their employees with notice of their rights and remedies under the CAA anti-discrimination provisions through the placement of signage in offices highlighting relevant anti-discrimination laws, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. The bill also requires legislative branch offices to provide training to employees about their CAA rights and remedies. Adding the CCPA and bankruptcy provisions will deter economic discrimination, while the notice and training provisions will empower legislative branch employees with the full knowledge of their rights.

Finally, the bill bolsters the CAA's record-keeping requirements. It extends to the legislative branch the obligation to maintain accurate records of safety information and employee injuries, as otherwise required by OSHA, as well as employee records necessary to administer anti-discrimination laws. The enhanced recordkeeping requirements will facilitate better enforcement of laws.

On the eve of the CAA's passage in 1995, then-Senator Olympia Snowe may have best captured the intent of Congress and the will of the people when she remarked, "Congress simply cannot continue to live above the law and call itself a body that is representative of the America we live in today. After all, what kind of message does Congress send to Americans when it sets itself above the law? What kind of message does Congress send to America when it believes it is beholden to different standards? And how can Congress claim to pass laws in the best interest of the American people if Congress refuses to abide by those very same laws. . . . Congress should be the very last institution in America to exempt itself from living under the nation's laws." By passing this bill and heeding this wise call to action, Congress will help restore the faith of the public in this institution by redoubling our efforts to exercise leadership by example. I urge bipartisan support for this important measure.

A TRIBUTE TO DANIEL
GINDHART—TEAMSTERS LOCAL
830 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RE-
CIPIENT

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute today for Daniel Gindhart, a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund. Over the past 37 years, this important fund has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.7 million to talented young adults throughout our community. Because of the hard work of the members of Teamsters Local 830 and the employers of these members, students like Daniel are able to make higher education possible.

Daniel's father, Daniel Gindhart Sr., works in the Warehouse Department of PBC in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I greatly admire Daniel's hard work at Triton Regional High School and his aspirations to study accounting. With his work ethic, I am sure Daniel will achieve his dream of one day becoming a Certified Public Accountant.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring Daniel Gindhart and his commitment to his community and studies that enabled him to become a 2013 award recipient of the Teamsters Local 830 Scholarship Fund.

A TRIBUTE TO KATELYN
CINNAMON

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate 18-year-old Katelyn Cinnamon of Valley High School in West Des Moines, Iowa, who has been named the state's top high school youth volunteer for 2013 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is our country's largest youth recognition program based entirely on volunteer community service. The program was created in conjunction with Prudential and the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor middle and high school students for outstanding service to benefit others at the local, state, and national level. Since 1995, 345,000 American youths have participated in this program, with only 102 state honorees chosen each year.

Katelyn's path to this prestigious award began with a stroke of inspiration while helping at the Blank Children's Hospital Hematology/Oncology Clinic. After witnessing the courage and strength of the patients up-close, she wanted to take her volunteerism to the next level. She set out to raise \$10,000 to buy six tablet computers for the clinic and pay for an annual oncology camp at which patients could enjoy typical camp activities. She also collects fleece tie blankets for the Children's Cancer Connection in Des Moines. With the help of a friend and networking in the community, she has achieved almost half of her fundraising goal and has delivered the tablet computers to the clinic.

As a state honoree, Katelyn received a \$1,000 prize, an engraved silver medallion, and was recently recognized at an award ceremony and gala dinner reception at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in our nation's capital.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Miss Cinnamon for her sincere dedication to positively impacting the lives of others in her community and beyond. Katelyn's commitment to a cause greater than herself is a testament to the high-quality character and unwavering work ethic instilled in Iowans both young and old. Our future is bright with young people like Katelyn, and it is an honor to represent her and her family in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Katelyn, thanking her supportive family, and thanking all of those involved in this wonderful project for their life-changing efforts.

NATIONAL TEACHER
APPRECIATION DAY

HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the outstanding teachers of Broward and Miami-Dade Counties on National Teacher Appreciation Day.