

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.

This day gives us an opportunity to thank teachers for the incredible work that they do for our children and communities. Teachers help form the backbone of our nation, assisting children in harnessing their creativity and critical thinking skills to grow up into the next great American generation.

Today serves as a reminder that we must continue to invest in our nation's teachers, children and schools. As a proud mother of three students in Broward County public schools, I know firsthand the excellence our teachers bring to the classroom each day. Their patience and encouragement are shaping tomorrow's leaders and ensuring that America remains competitive, innovative, and prosperous.

If you talk to any educator, they will tell you that teaching is demanding. Teachers work long hours and are expected not only to impart certain knowledge, but also instill a love of learning in their students. They have made a conscious career decision to make a difference in the lives of our children.

As a Member of Congress for Florida's 23rd Congressional District, I am committed to supporting Broward and Miami-Dade educators and their peers across the country. Unfortunately, teachers don't always receive the recognition or resources they deserve. As policy makers, we must ensure that our teachers have the tools, resources and support they need. When we do this, we not only invest in these dedicated professionals, but we also invest in our children and their futures.

As a parent, let me say thank you to all teachers for devoting your time and skills to our children. We are grateful for all that you do.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 129 on H.R. 588, I am not recorded because of flight delays. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 130 on H.R. 291, I am not recorded because of flight delays. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 131 on H.R. 507, I am not recorded because of flight delays. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

NATIONAL TEACHER'S APPRECIATION DAY

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on National Teacher's Appreciation Day, to recognize and honor the teachers of America. Year in and year out, they dedicate their lives to educating our children and helping them to succeed both in and out of the classroom. They not only teach us to read and write, but for many of us, it is a teacher who first shows

us that we can achieve whatever we put our minds to; they tell us that anything is possible, that it is okay to dream. The confidence and curiosity that teachers instill in their students are just as important as the traditional subjects they teach; it is these life lessons that will resonate with our children well into adulthood.

In my own experience, the teacher who brought these truths home to me was Mr. Gowenlock. Mr. Gowenlock was my high school geometry teacher as well as one of my football coaches. He made sure I knew that I had the ability to be a great man, and the only thing that would get in the way was my own doubt. He was one of the first to fully believe in me, and that is a gift that has made it possible for me to be where I am today.

I hope that students and parents everywhere will join with me in recognizing the importance and value of good teachers. Without them, America would not be the beacon of hope that it is today. We owe them our gratitude and our respect. I have fought for teachers in the past, with legislation such as the Teacher Tax Relief Act, and I will continue to fight for them. Teachers must have the tools and support they need to ensure our children receive the best education possible for they will be the ones shaping the future of this great nation. Thank you.

A TRIBUTE TO BRANDI ZIEMINSKI—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 Brandi Zieminski, 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 Brandi are able to make higher education possible.

Brandi's father, Theodore Zieminski, works in the Facilities Department of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I greatly admire Brandi's hard work at Archbishop Ryan High School and her aspirations to study secondary education. With her work ethic, I am sure Brandi will achieve her dream of one day becoming a high school teacher.

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

HONORING CANCER SURVIVOR BEAUTY AND SUPPORT DAY AND BARBARA PAGET

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Barbara Paget and her extraordinary work establishing in 2003 Cancer Survivor Beauty and Support Day (CSBSD). This extraordinary endeavor for the past ten years has brought support and kindness to countless men, women and children cancer survivors.

Barbara is a remarkable woman, dedicated to brightening the lives of cancer survivors across the country. In conceiving and launching CSBSD, Barbara has united full communities across the country in support for their friends and neighbors.

Taking place the first Tuesday of June each year, CSBSD provides cancer survivors in all 50 states with the opportunity to enjoy a day of complimentary services at salons, spas, barber shops and beauty parlors. Barbara has worked tirelessly to expand CSBSD, and she has succeeded tremendously, expanding the initiative each year and receiving previous recognition in Congress.

The beauty of the day, as Barbara would put it, is the support that it gives. CSBSD does not require any money—the day is all about volunteering. Participants donate only their time, services and kindness. The helping, caring hand of a volunteer on CSBSD and the one-on-one connection it fosters are incredibly powerful forces for cancer survivor and service provider alike.

Barbara has more than 1,000 places celebrating CSBSD in all 50 states, working to reach out to as many of the more than 12 million cancer survivors as possible—offering a supportive, fun and rewarding day.

Cancer affects so many of us, our friends and family. We have seen the toll it takes. Barbara has seen it too, and that is why she stepped up and decided to take action. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Barbara Paget and Cancer Survivor Beauty and Support Day for all the good they do.

HONORING EUGENE DAVID ZOLLER

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Teacher Mr. Eugene David Zoller who is retiring this year after 47 years in public and private school classrooms as an exemplary and inspirational teacher of Social Studies. Eugene Zoller attributes his calling as a teacher to the influence of his mother Dorothea Donahue Zoller, his aunt Josephine Donahue, and his Grade 8 teacher, Sr. Joan Bernadette Davis, a sister of Notre Dame de Namur.

He started his teaching career in the Massachusetts public schools and continued his teaching in 1985, until his retirement in 2013, at Belen Jesuit Preparatory School in Miami, Florida, which I am proud to proclaim as my high school alma mater.