

politics before the American people by accusing the Administration of doing something that it is simply not doing.

I urge my colleagues to vote no on this legislation.

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OREGON

HON. GREG WALDEN

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 10 World War II veterans from Oregon who will be visiting their memorial this

Saturday in Washington, DC, through Honor Flight of Oregon. On behalf of a grateful state and country, we welcome these heroes to the nation's capital.

The veterans on this flight from Oregon are: Harold "Dayt" Elston, U.S. Army; Walter Mullen, U.S. Army; Ellis Hallman, U.S. Army Air Forces; Daniel Lawler, U.S. Army Air Forces; Robert Mahr, U.S. Army Air Forces; Garner Pool, U.S. Navy; Kenneth Purcell, U.S. Navy; Albert Randow, U.S. Navy; Theodore Tannich, U.S. Navy; Arthur Wallace, U.S. Navy.

These 10 heroes join more than 100,000 veterans from across the country who, since 2005, have journeyed from their home states

to Washington, DC, to reflect at the memorials built in honor of our nation's veterans.

Mr. Speaker, each of us is humbled by the courage of these soldiers, sailors, and airmen who put themselves in harm's way for our country and way of life. As a nation, we can never fully repay the debt of gratitude owed to them for their honor, commitment, and sacrifice in defense of the freedoms we have today.

My colleagues, please join me in thanking these veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight of Oregon for their exemplary dedication and service to this great country. I especially want to recognize and thank Gail Yakopatz for her tireless work as president of Honor Flight of Oregon.