

power, provide whistleblowers with protection from retaliation, and require the maintenance of employment records. The OOC report presents the successes and shortcomings of the CAA by tracking the trends in legislative branch employee complaints and workplace safety hazards in fiscal year 2014. This bill takes into account the OOC report, 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, Capitol Hill employees, and visitors by bringing the legislative branch in line with the legal requirements of private sector employers and the executive branch.

Legislative branch employees have no way to report misuse of federal funds and other violations without fear of retaliation. This bill provides general whistleblower protections, and 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. This 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. This 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 full knowledge of their rights.

Finally, this 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.

By passing this bill, Congress will help restore the trust of the public in this institution by redoubling our efforts to exercise leadership by example. I urge bipartisan support for this important measure.

CONGRATULATING THE NEW JERUSALEM GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE INSPIRATIONAL VOICES OF NEW JERUSALEM ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing The New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church and the Inspirational Voices of New Jerusalem on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

New Jerusalem is renowned in the City of Flint for its history of perseverance in the face of tragedy and its contributions to the Flint community throughout the last 50 years.

On October 15, 1965, a council of men and women met at the home of Rev. L.W. Owens to organize a new Baptist Church in the city of Flint. Seven days later, they began their mission at 1033 E. York Street, where people from all walks, talents and gifts began to join the congregation.

In December 1967, seeing the need for future expansion, the membership relocated to 1024 Holtzlander Avenue with a membership of 350. Throughout the following thirteen years, the church opened three additional buildings to welcome hundreds more members to service throughout the week.

In July 1991, with membership flourishing over two thousand, New Jerusalem's edifice was destroyed by a fire. Over \$650,000 in damages was done, but the congregation was not deterred. By the following Sunday, services were relocated to C.A.R.E. Inc. while the church was rebuilt.

The membership decided to take this tragedy and create an opportunity to benefit their community. They constructed a new educational center/fellowship hall and founded "Operation Blessing" to provide clothing and food for the needy on the site of the burned-out facility.

For five decades as of October, New Jerusalem has worked tirelessly to help those in the community most in need. Residents in the area have come to rely on the church for their contributions to the Soup Kitchen, scholarship funds, and other service projects.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud the tenacity of The New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church and the Inspirational Voices of New Jerusalem and thank them for the service they have provided to the City of Flint and surrounding communities.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. TAL
ESLICK

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Tal Jimmy Eslick for his service to my office and the 21st Congressional District of California over the past three years.

Mr. Eslick was born in Spokane, Washington to parents Tal and Candice Eslick. After

moving to Clovis, California as a child and attending Buchanan High School, Mr. Eslick went on to receive his Bachelor of Arts from California State University, Fresno in 2006. While attending Fresno State, he developed an interest in politics and began volunteering on local campaigns. He also spent a summer in Washington, D.C. as a Congressional intern. After earning his Bachelor's Degree, Mr. Eslick began working for Congressman DEVIN NUNES as a Field Representative and, later, as District Director.

In April of 2012, Mr. Eslick adopted a six-year old cat named Mason. On May 25, 2013, Mr. Eslick married Rachel Azevedo. They currently reside in Clovis, California.

Mr. Eslick has been a member of my team since 2010, first as my Chief of Staff in the California State Assembly and now as my Chief of Staff in the United States House of Representatives. He brought a wealth of legislative experience and professionalism to my team and has been a very dependable and resourceful advisor and friend. Throughout his career, Mr. Eslick has been an invaluable asset to Team Valadao and the people of the Central Valley.

In February 2015, Mr. Eslick returned to Fresno State in pursuit of a Master's in Business Administration for Executives.

On September 27, 2015, Mr. Eslick's time in my office will come to an end. Mr. Eslick will be moving on to a new chapter of his life. While I know he is very excited about this opportunity, he will be greatly missed as a member of my team.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Tal Eslick for his public service to the people of the Central Valley and wishing him well in this next chapter of his life.

TRIBUTE TO RILEY LONSDALE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Riley Lonsdale of Greenfield for receiving a state 4-H communication project award. Riley is the daughter of Martin and Maureen Lonsdale.

A state 4-H project award is the highest achievement one can receive in the 4-H project work category. Project awards are given to youth who demonstrate leadership, communication, and volunteerism in certain project areas. A total of 152 youth from 55 counties competed for these project awards on the state level. Achieving this honor is a true testament to Riley's perseverance and dedication to serve others, and I commend her for her hard work.

Mr. Speaker, Riley's actions embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress. I know that all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Riley on her achievement and I wish her and her family nothing but continued success.