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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The House of Representatives passed legislation introduced by Congressman Jerry Moran to commend Honor Flight, its volunteers and donors. Moran introduced H. Res. 1287 to recognize the Honor Flight Network for enabling World War II veterans to travel to Washington, D.C., to see the World War II Memorial created in their honor.

"Honor Flight is one final salute to the men and women of the World War II generation, whose unity, sacrifice and service defines our country today. The sacrifice of millions saved liberty and freedom around the world," said former Senator Bob Dole. "As the ranks of this now disappearing generation dwindle ever too quickly, Honor Flight started with the basic idea that these men and women ought to be able to see their memorial, and the tribute that Americans have given to them for all they did. They are able to recall their own service with pride, see that they met the test of their era, and that they stood for something which plays a big part in the strong country we are today."

"Europe, the Pacific, and America are all free because of the collective and Herculean efforts of World War II Veterans. We can never repay them," said Earl Morse, Founder and Operations Manager for Honor Flight, Inc. "Sixty years later, they finally have a memorial that honors their accomplishments and the ultimate sacrifices of their friends. Getting them to Washington D.C., to visit America's 'Thank You' for their service, is the least that we can do. This trip is their 'last hurrah.' They deserve nothing less."

Moran, a senior member of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, strongly supports Honor Flight, and met with veterans last month when they arrived at the World War II Memorial on September 10, 2008. On that day, more than 100 veterans were flown to the nation's capital, many for the first time, to meet with Moran and former Senator Bob Dole before visiting several other monuments and memorials in D.C.

For more information on the Honor Flight Network, please [click here](#) or visit the Web site at <http://www.honorflight.org/index.htm>.

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