

Calls on American businesses to hire our veterans

Washington, DC –Today, Congressman Walz and his colleagues on the Veterans Affairs Committee hosted American businesses at a summit in the House to figure out the best way to get veterans back to work.

“When the brave men and women who serve our nation in uniform leave to deploy overseas, they don’t

Walz and his colleagues asked businesses to tell them what they needed to hire veterans, took their feedback and at the end of the summit invited employers to sign pledge to work with the Veterans’ Affairs Committee to reduce veterans unemployment in the next two years.

This year, Walz introduced legislation to offer potential employers a \$2,400 tax credit for hiring an unemployed veteran who was discharged from the military in the last 5 years regardless of employment status. It also requires DoD to educate and provide documentation to eligible servicemembers that can be attached to their resumes, empowering both veterans and employers to make use of this credit and put our veterans back to work. It will boost veteran employment by eliminating bureaucratic red tape, expanding eligibility, and empowering veterans to promote this credit – and themselves – to potential employers. Walz has been working for several years to find ways of ensuring returning soldiers have access to jobs, including introducing similar legislation last year.

Walz served 24 years in the National Guard and is the highest ranking enlisted soldier to ever serve in Congress. He is a member of the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee. He is also the co-chair of the bipartisan House Guard and Reserve Caucus.

A list of employers and business associations who participated is included below:

American Corporate Partners

Booz Allen Hamilton Inc

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

CINTAS Corporation

Computer Sciences Corporation

CSX Corporation

Cubic Applications, Inc. / Cubic Worldwide Technical Services, Inc.

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Direct Employers Association

The Veterans Employment and Training Service

Deloitte

Edison Electric

General Electric Company

GI Jobs Magazine

Inova Health System

ITT Systems Corporation

McKesson

ManTech International

Microsoft

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Prudential Financial

Sears Holdings Corporation

Society of Human Resource Management

Sodexo

Southern Company

URS Corporation

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