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Mr. Leonard Pitts

March 15, 2011

Dear Leonard,

I wanted to write to say "thank you" on behalf of myself, my family, my entire staff, and our country for the work you are doing to support our troops through the USO. Your "With Great Honor" charity walk combines both American innovation and creativity with the duty to support and honor the sacrifice made by our veterans. I applaud your commitment to raise at least \$500,000 to help the USO with its mission to support our troops and their families, and wish you safe travels on your journey from South Carolina to Washington, DC.

Our nation has no greater responsibility than its sacred obligation to its troops and veterans. I wish you God's speed and God's blessings on your endeavor. If I can ever be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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TREY GOWDY

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March 31, 2011

Mr. Leonard Pitts With Great Honor Team USO

Dear Leonard,

Thank you for your inspiring endeavor and support of our troops and their families. I applaud you for your USO fundraising initiative and the example you are setting for us all. Your volunteer service is about more than raising money, but also about lifting the spirits of our men and women overseas.

I want to express my great appreciation for the work of all local USO groups. Their work underscores the importance of supporting America's troops overseas and the families they have waiting for them here at home.

I wish you the best of luck in this tremendous endeavor!

Sincerely,

Trey Gowdy

TG/ED



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

JAMES E. CLYBURN
SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
SOUTH CAROLINA

April 4, 2011

Mr. Leonard Pitts Team USO

Dear Mr. Pitts,

Please allow me to congratulate you on your efforts to raise \$500,000 for the USO. Your 500 mile walk from Clinton to Washington is evidence of your commitment to give back to our troops who have put their lives on the line for our country.

I commend you for putting your passion into action. Dr. Martin Luther King once said, "Everybody can be great because anybody can serve... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. And you can be that servant." Your efforts embody this sentiment. You have found a unique and powerful way to serve those who have served us in the military. It is a wonderful tribute.

Best wishes as you embark on this remarkable journey! May you be enriched by this effort, while helping to enrich others.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

James E. Clyburn

Assistant Democratic Leader U.S. House of Representatives



MICK MULVANEY

April 4, 2011

Leonard Pitts Team USO

Dear Leonard,

I'm writing to express my most sincere appreciation of your efforts with the "With Great Honor" Charity Walk. The journey you will make from Clinton, SC to Washington from June 1st-July 4th will help shine a spotlight on the USO and the service it provides to countless military personnel and their families across our great nation.

Your actions encompass the type of compassion that makes America great, and makes me proud to serve as a representative of South Carolina. I know I speak for all the constituents of the Fifth District when I say thank you for the awareness and money you are raising for a cause as worthy as the USO.

We all owe an enormous debt of gratitude to the brave men and women who have served in the military. Thank you again for your efforts, and I wish you a safe and successful journey.

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Sincerely.

Mick Mulvaney

Member of Congress



April 6, 2011

Mr. Leonard Pitts

Dear Mr. Pitts:

I write this message to extend my warmest wishes to you for participating in the With Great Honor Walkathon and to offer my congratulations for this great distinction.

When I consider all of the hours you have volunteered and your commitment to USO, I am struck by what a wonderful source of inspiration you must be for so many other people. I wish you many more years of success and commend you for your steadfast dedication to your community.

Good luck to you during the Walkathon.

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All the best,

Kay R. Hagan

CONGRESSMAN TIM SCOTT First District, South Carolina



May 3, 2011

'With Great Honor' Team USO Mr. Leonard Pitts

Dear Leonard:

Since its inception just prior to our country's entry into World War II, United Service Organizations (USO) has provided a variety of programs and services to meet the changing needs of our service members and their families.

We should all do whatever we can to 'shrink the gap between the home front and the front lines.' I commend you for your work on behalf of this fine organization and wish you much success in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Tim Scott

Member of Congress



JOE WILSON
SECOND DISTRICT
SOUTH CAROLINA

May 13, 2011

Mr. Leonard Pitts Team USO

Dear Leonard,

As the Chairman of the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee, a 31-year veteran of the South Carolina National Guard and Reserves, and a father of four sons currently serving in our military, I know firsthand all that the United Service Organization does for our men and women in uniform.

I commend you on your extraordinary efforts to raise money which will directly assist those serving our country. Your walk from Clinton, South Carolina, to Washington, D.C., is a testament to your integrity and dedication to those in the American Armed Services.

I commend you for all of your hard work and I wish you the best as you begin your journey.

It is an honor to serve the people of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina.

If I may ever be of assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joe Wilson

Member of Congress

JW/BE



May 18, 2011

Leonard Pitts Team USO

Dear Leonard,

As your United States Senator, it is my privilege to recognize you for the tremendous journey you are about to embark on in an effort to support Team USO. This "With Great Honor" Charity Walk demonstrates your clear and impenetrable commitment to honor our troops, and I commend you for taking on such a worthy endeavor.

I am honored to recognize you for your efforts to enhance the lives of the brave men and women who serve our country in the Armed Forces, and to care for their families. Words can never fully express my gratitude for the sacrifices these men and women make in the name of safeguarding freedom, and I consider myself privileged to serve citizens all across South Carolina who, like you, are committed to caring for these individuals.

When you inevitably find yourself tired and weary along your 500 mile journey to Washington, DC, and are confronted with the urge to give up, I hope you will find the strength to carry on in remembering that what you are doing honors those who are most deserving of our praise. Please remember that while the impact you have on the lives of these soldiers and their families may never be quantified, the work you are doing is invaluable to them, our state, and our nation.

Thank you, again, for making me aware of this tremendous undertaking. I look forward to hearing of your safe and successful journey, and I trust you will remain actively involved in honoring these individuals who have given so much on behalf of our nation.

Please do not hesitate to call on me if I may ever be of assistance to you in the future. May God bless you, and may God continue to bless America.

Sincerely,

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United States Senator



UNITED STATES SENATE

May18, 2011

Leonard Pitts With Great Honor Team USO

Dear Friends:

I wish I could be with you today for the announcement of your team's 500 mile charity walk for the USO.

Since its inception in 1941 the USO has served both our nation and our soldiers well. From care packages to concerts, the USO has been there to provide a morale boost to our troops at home and overseas. The USO is a shining example of how ordinary Americans can make a difference in the lives of our military and their families. The volunteers that help the USO and other charitable organizations are truly the backbone of these great institutions. Thank you for giving your time and energy to such a worthy cause, and good luck on the walk!

Sincerely,

Lindsey O. Graham United States Senator

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