

join me in commending Jesse T. Reynolds for his accomplishments with the United States Navy and for his service to the United States of America during World War II.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID  
LEADBETTER

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. David Leadbetter, the recipient of the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Golf Course Owners Association (NGCOA).

For over thirty years, Mr. Leadbetter has helped golfers achieve lower scores and improve their game. He is a world renowned golf instructor and known for his innovative teaching techniques. Initially starting out as a player, he participated in the European and South African tours prior to coming to fame for correcting Nick Faldo's swing in the 1980s. Among his many students are the famed Greg Norman, Nick Price, Ernie Els, and Michelle Wie. His students have greatly benefitted from his creative teaching methods and valuable advice; many of them hold major championship titles and individual worldwide titles. Aside from being the world's number one golf instructor and serving as coach to countless professional golfers, Mr. Leadbetter has academies worldwide to nurture new talent and share his love of golf. His extensive knowledge of golf also extends to seven golf instruction books, instructional DVDs, and television programs.

This prestigious award from NGCOA recognizes Mr. Leadbetter's contributions to the game of golf. His love for golf is evident in his dedicated efforts to helping others improve their game. Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Leadbetter on this great honor. I wish him all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 330 for H.R. 1627, I am not recorded because I was absent. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

COMMEMORATING JEWISH  
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues in commemorating May as Jewish American Heritage Month and celebrating the many achievements the Jewish community has made to American culture and society.

While Jewish people make up only two percent of our nation's population, they have been a vibrant group contributing to American society for over 350 years.

The Jewish American community is a vibrant piece of the American fabric.

They have worked tirelessly to increase tolerance and understanding, while working to decrease anti-Semitism around the country.

Their community has organized innovative educational forums and cultural exchanges to help bring people together and promote our country's diversity.

The Jewish community in my District and surrounding areas is active and engaged on several fronts including in literature, politics and medicine.

I congratulate them for all their hard work and look forward to working with them in the years to come.

I hope all Americans will join me in celebrating Jewish-American Heritage Month and taking pride in the unique contributions that our Jewish community has made to our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF HILDA  
GRIGORIAN

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hilda Grigorian, a Glendale resident who has dedicated herself to helping those in need around the world, often in some of the most challenging and dangerous locations.

Hilda Grigorian was born and raised in Iran, and migrated to the United States in 1978 in pursuit of the American dream of education and career. Hilda achieved both of these goals—she obtained a bachelor's degree and MBA and is currently working toward her Ph.D. at Walden University. She also worked in the private sector for over two decades, focusing on international development.

Hilda began her international relief efforts with a trip to her motherland of Armenia, where she volunteered to help small businesses. After several visits to Armenia's rural villages, she established a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) called Armenia Village Operation, which she started with her own funds and other private funding. The program implemented important projects in the rural villages of Armenia.

In 2005, Hilda traveled to Afghanistan to work with a USAID-funded program to help vulnerable, widowed women with business planning and access to funds to regain their businesses which were destroyed by the Taliban. She then worked for UNDP in the youth development project. In 2008, she began working for USAID Afghanistan as a Field Program Officer, stationed in the Province of Nangarhar, which borders Pakistan. In 2009, she was transferred to the remote, rural Province of Ghor in Western Afghanistan, where she helped people implement community development programs, created jobs through cash for work projects, and ensured a fair distribution of food to the people of Ghor.

Hilda's selfless dedication to the people of Afghanistan has immeasurably benefited some of the most at-risk people in the world, and

has demonstrated the generous spirit of Americans toward those in crisis. She thrived in an environment that afforded her very basic living conditions, with no luxuries or amenities we often take for granted.

I ask all Members to join me in thanking Hilda Grigorian for her unwavering commitment to the people of Armenia and Afghanistan and wish her well in all future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BETTY McCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was giving the keynote address at the second annual Native American Health Conference. Due to transportation constraints, I was unable to make it back to the Capitol to vote for H.R. 1383, H.R. 1627, and H.R. 1657. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all of these important bills.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH AN-  
NIVERSARY OF BOY SCOUT  
TROOP 890 IN LAKE HIGHLANDS,  
TEXAS

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Boy Scout Troop 890 in Lake Highlands, Texas, celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year.

Chartered in 1961, Troop 890 was founded to help shape and prepare the lives of the boys and young men in Dallas by teaching them the principles of Scouting. Over the past fifty years, the dedicated efforts of the leaders, the Scouts, and their parents have made Troop 890 a signature organization in Lake Highlands, Texas and it has become one of the largest and most well-known Boy Scout troops in Dallas.

The leaders of Troop 890 are committed to helping these scouts develop strong moral character and adhere to the ideals of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The Lake Highlands community that considers the Troop to be an asset, encourages parents to be actively involved and Scouts to take on leadership roles and mentor younger Scouts. Since the first Eagle rank presentation in 1963, approximately 450 individuals, including my sons, Bill and Alex, have achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Over the years, I have watched many Scouts become mature and responsible young men of great character.

Troop 890 has made the local community a stronger and better place. Their commitment to serving others is evident in the hundreds of hours devoted to various community service projects. I know Troop 890 will continue to positively impact Dallas and promote the importance of Scouting.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues to join me congratulating Troop 890 on their 50th Anniversary. I wish Troop 890 many more years of Scouting!

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Ms. RICHARDSON. On May 23, 2011, I was unavoidably detained during the vote on rollcall No. 330. Had I been present I would have voted as follows:

On rollcall No. 330, I would have voted "aye" (May 23) H.R. 1627, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements for the placement of monuments in Arlington National Cemetery, and for other purposes.

A BILL TO AMEND THE ROBERT T. STAFFORD DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to introduce a bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize Indian tribes to directly request the President for a major disaster or emergency declaration. This has been a priority for Indian country for over a decade and upon enactment, will treat Indian tribes as the sovereign governments that they are.

Currently, Indian tribes experiencing a disaster or emergency situation must rely upon a State governor to request the President for a declaration. Not only is this contrary to tribal sovereignty but it also requires the President to consider the State's, not the tribe's, ability to pay for the damages. The State's authority or willingness to provide assistance to the tribe is not considered in the determination process.

Under this legislation, tribes may still request the State to make the declaration on their behalf but it provides another avenue for those tribes who want to exercise their sovereignty or where a State may be unable or unwilling to make a request on a tribe's behalf.

I am pleased that the Republican co-chairman of the Native American Caucus, Mr. TOM COLE, and the Ranking Member of the subcommittee of jurisdiction, Ms. NORTON, agreed to cosponsor this important legislation with me. Letters of support have also been received from the National Congress of American Indians as well as other tribal organizations and individual Indians involved in emergency management.

I urge my colleagues to support this measure.

IN HONOR OF MARILYN DORMAN

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Marilyn Dorman, who retires as the Executive Director of the Housing

Resource Center of Monterey County on May 31, 2011. The HRC is a non-profit HUD-certified housing counseling agency that provides home-ownership education and counseling as well as homeless prevention services. Marilyn has a real gift for grant writing, which has served the agency well as its primary fundraiser.

Marilyn has been active professionally and personally in the housing arena for over twenty-seven years. She was the founding Executive Director of the Housing Advocacy Council in 1984, which merged with the Monterey County Housing Alliance in 2009 to become the Housing Resource Center of Monterey County. Throughout her many years of service Marilyn advocated for the development of affordable low-income housing and worked tirelessly with direct assistance programs to prevent homelessness.

With the 2009 merger, Marilyn's focus expanded to include homeownership education and counseling, as well as foreclosure prevention and loan modification. To date, HRC has successfully modified over 200 loans for Monterey County homeowners. Collectively, the merged organization has served over 24,000 Monterey County households.

Marilyn has also been an active Board, Committee member, and volunteer for the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Salinas Downtown Community Board, the ACTION Council of Monterey County, Common Ground, the League of Women Voters, Community Advisory Council for the Salinas Permit Center, Salinas Planning Commission, Salinas Parks and Recreation Commission, Salinas Housing Trust Fund, the Salinas General Plan Parks Task Force, Girl Scouts, and the Volunteer Services Coordinator for the Volunteer Center of Salinas.

Marilyn's husband of thirty-eight years, Mark, has been the grounding force in life. They have three grown daughters and two beautiful grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I know I speak for the whole House as I commend Marilyn Dorman for all she has done and all she will undoubtedly continue to do. I extend my most sincere thanks and warmest wishes for her success and much happiness in her retirement.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CAROLYN McCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent because of a family illness on May 23, 2011. If I was present, I would have voted on the following:

H.R. 1627—rollcall No. 330: "aye"; H.R. 1383—rollcall No. 331: "aye"; H.R. 1657—rollcall No. 332: "aye."

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I regret missing floor votes on Monday, May 23, 2011. Had I registered my vote, I would have voted:

1. "Yea" on rollcall 330, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as amended, H.R. 1627—To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain requirements for the placement of monuments in Arlington National Cemetery.

2. "Yea" on rollcall 331, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as amended, H.R. 1383—Restoring GI Bill Fairness Act of 2011.

3. "Yea" on rollcall 332, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 1657—To amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the enforcement penalties for misrepresentation of a business concern as a small business concern owned and controlled by veterans or as a small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN A. YARMUTH**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast the recorded votes for rollcall Nos. 330, 331, and 332. Had I been present I would have voted "yes" for these measures:

H.R. 1627—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, rollcall No. 330, "yes."

H.R. 1383—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, rollcall No. 331, "yes."

H.R. 1657—On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, rollcall No. 332, "yes."

TEXAS FROG FREEDOM FIGHTER—  
MARCUS LUTTRELL

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Navy SEALs are the United States Navy's elite warriors. And last week we learned that they killed the most wanted terrorist of all, Osama bin Laden. Osama bin Laden was the mastermind behind the murders of nearly 3,000 Americans on September 11, 2001. The news of his death brings some comfort to the families of thousands of people who died in the 9/11 attacks and to the families of those who have died in the war on terror. During their recent mission, these SEALs proved that when the peace of our great Nation is threatened, we will stand up and fight.

Throughout the ongoing conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, many other SEALs have performed equally heroic deeds. All Navy SEALs are elite commandos demonstrating the epitome of what we have in this country. One such example is local SEAL patriot, Marcus Luttrell, who I am proud to recognize and honor for his contributions to the global war on terrorism.

June 28, 2005 is a date the SEALs will forever remember. It was the worst single-day U.S. forces death toll since Operation Enduring Freedom began and it was the single largest loss of life in Navy SEAL history since World War II. Marcus Luttrell, a sixth generation country boy from Texas, survived to tell