

# ***VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES***

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February 19, 2008

The Honorable Tom Udall  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative Udall:

On behalf of the 2.3 million members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and our Auxiliaries, I am pleased to offer our support for H.R. 5315, which awards the Congressional Gold Medal to the soldiers who served at Bataan during World War II.

As you so aptly state in your resolution, the United States is forever indebted to these brave men for their courage and perseverance in the face of extraordinary circumstances, while maintaining dignity, honor, patriotism and loyalty. This resolution will go a long way in recognizing the special sacrifices made by these courageous men and will serve as a solemn reminder of the cost, in human terms, made by our military to preserve our freedom and liberty.

Thank you for introducing this measure and for your continued support on issues affecting our military veterans. We look forward to working with you to ensure this resolution is enacted.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL H. WYSONG, Director  
National Security and Foreign Affairs