

House Resolution 849

By: Representatives Mughal of the 105th, Beverly of the 143rd, Gilliard of the 162nd, Marin of the 96th, and Draper of the 90th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Dilawar Syed for his positive impact on small businesses; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dilawar Syed is the deputy administrator for the Small Business Administration
4 (SBA); and

5 WHEREAS, in his early career, he oversaw business operations for Yahoo!'s platforms and
6 infrastructure and was a product manager at Siebel Systems and SAP; and

7 WHEREAS, he was president at the software company Freshworks; and

8 WHEREAS, before joining the Biden Administration, he was CEO at Lumiata, an AI
9 healthcare company focused on reducing healthcare costs and improving patient outcomes;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, he previously worked for the state department where he championed American
12 businesses as special representative for Commercial & Business Affairs and was the state
13 department's top commercial diplomat; and

14 WHEREAS, he advocated for United States companies to compete and win abroad, helped
15 ensure this country's competitiveness in markets across the globe through efforts such as
16 mobilizing the private sector to support the people of Ukraine in the wake of Russia's
17 invasion, and advocated for commercial deals in strategic sectors such as aviation and
18 defense, energy, and technology; and

19 WHEREAS, he has driven civic efforts at the federal, state, and local level, focusing on
20 economic growth and entrepreneurship; and

21 WHEREAS, he is the founding chair of the California Entrepreneurship Task Force with the
22 Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, promoting inclusive
23 entrepreneurship; and

24 WHEREAS, he served on President Obama's White House Commission on Asian Americans
25 and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) and chaired the White House Initiative on AAPIs' Economic
26 Growth Committee, leading the administration's engagement with small businesses across
27 the United States after the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, in 2020, he was tapped by San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo to help lead Silicon
30 Valley's pandemic economic recovery as a member of the Silicon Valley Recovery
31 Roundtable.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body recognize and commend Dilawar Syed for his many years of
34 dedicated service as well as extend best wishes for future health and happiness.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to
37 Dilawar Syed.