

New Jersey in more than 75 years to serve as President of the Auxiliary. And the American Legion Auxiliary could not have found a more caring, compassionate and capable woman to lead them.

Elsie Bailey was born in Hillsborough, New Jersey, later lived in both Somerville and Bridgewater, and is now a resident of Whiting, in the heart of my congressional district. She worked for 23 years at the Somerset Medical Center, retiring as personnel director.

Throughout her life, Elsie has been active in her communities, having served on the Somerset County Teacher Credit Union, the Parent Teachers Association and the Employees Activities Committee. She is currently a volunteer mentor, a member of the Whiting Rescue Squad Auxiliary, and a parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. But perhaps her proudest accomplishments are her two children and four grandchildren.

In 1961, Elsie Bailey joined the Stevenson-D'Alessio Auxiliary Unit 12 in Somerville, quickly becoming secretary of that unit. She has continued to serve in leadership roles at the unit, department and national levels, including serving as state President for New Jersey and as National Vice President.

Now as National President, Elsie has already begun implementing an ambitious agenda for the Auxiliary. She plans to travel across the country to every state and perhaps even to some foreign countries, in an effort to boost the Auxiliary's already impressive membership rolls. A lover of country music, Elsie has established a membership theme called "Country Hearts in Celebration," which she intends to use to recruit new members.

She has also taken on a special project called "Veteran's Pot of Gold" designed to raise funds to assist homeless veterans, an issue that has been a large part of my agenda as Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. I look forward to working with Elsie in this most noble mission to help the estimated 275,000 veterans who are homeless today.

Mr. Speaker, as our Nation fights a war on terrorism to keep America free and secure, it is comforting to know that there are people like Elsie Bailey supporting our veterans and our communities. I am confident Elsie Bailey will serve as new National President of the American Legion Auxiliary with the same distinction she has demonstrated her entire life. Through her service to our veterans, our communities and our Nation, Elsie Bailey has earned our respect and I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to her today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SISTERS OF CHARITY AND GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES ON THE 150TH BIRTHDAY OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sisters of Charity and the employees, physicians, and volunteers of the Good Samaritan Hospital, which will celebrate its 150th birthday on November 2, 2002.

Good Samaritan Hospital was founded by the Sisters of Chanty in 1852. It was Cin-

cinnati's first private general hospital. The 21-bed hospital was located downtown and, back then, was known as St. John's Hotel for Invalids. For over 100 years, the Sisters of Chanty was intimately involved with the running of the hospital and, early on, Cincinnatians quickly came to trust and depend on the care of the Sisters. By 1856, the hospital's size tripled. Shortly thereafter, business leaders were so impressed with St. John's philanthropic leadership that two of them bought a 95-bed hospital downtown and renamed it the Hospital of the Good Samaritan in honor of the Sisters of Charity. In 1915, the hospital was so popular that it moved to larger quarters in Clifton—where it is today—and opened 400 beds. Today, Good Samaritan Hospital cares for more inpatients than any other hospital in Southwestern Ohio.

Good Samaritan Hospital is known for its high level of patient care and its nursing care. In recent years, it has been ranked among the top 50 hospitals in the United States for its cardiology/heart surgery, endocrinology, neurology/neurosurgery, and urology services, and among the top 100 for its orthopedic services and coronary artery bypass surgery.

The vision of the Sisters of Charity, the devotion and hard work of the Good Samaritan medical staff, employees, and volunteers and Catholic Health Initiatives, which the Sisters of Charity helped found in 1996, have made Good Samaritan Hospital a great success.

All of us in Greater Cincinnati recognize the Sisters of Chanty and the Good Samaritan Hospital medical staff, employees, and volunteers on its 150th birthday.

FLOOR STATEMENT ON TAIWAN'S 91ST NATIONAL DAY

HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, today I have the great pleasure of sending my congratulations to the people of Taiwan on the 91st anniversary of Double Ten National Day.

Ninety-one years ago today, forces loyal to Sun Yat-sen led the Wuch'ang uprising and paved the way for the rise of a new political experiment in democracy for the people of China—the establishment of the Republic of China, Asia's first republic. This was a turning point not only in the history of the East but in the history of the world.

In 1911, Dr. Sun envisioned a China that was nationalist, democratic, and dedicated to the social well-being of its citizens. While his Republic's political control on the mainland of China was short-lived, its impact in the minds of the people of China is eternal.

After more than 50 years of sound economic and political development, the Republic of China on Taiwan has proven to the world that not only the citizens of Taiwan, but all of the people of China can govern themselves in a system that is—as Dr. Sun Yat-sen envisioned—Chinese, democratic, and prosperous. The significance of this experiment is especially meaningful to us now because Taiwan has attained such a full measure of economic and political freedom.

And in that fifty year history, Taiwan has proven to be one of America's most loyal

friends. It is my deepest hope that we continue to recognize Taiwan's great achievements, loyal friendship, and sustained progress by continuing to promote Taiwan's participation in the World Trade Organization and such global bodies as the World Health Organization. We must also continue to provide Taiwan the defensive arms it requires to maintain peace on the Taiwan Strait.

I am very happy to join with the citizens of Taiwan to celebrate Double Ten National Day 2002.

ACKNOWLEDGING WORLD SIGHT DAY

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the optometry community for over 24 years, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge World Sight Day.

Today, the National Eye Institute, the Lions Club International, Lighthouse International, and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness will host World Sight Day this year with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library. Here in the Nation's capitol there will be adult and children's programs educating this community about the importance of understanding and preventing blindness and what they can do to help.

While working as an optometrist in Northwest Arkansas with groups such as the Lions Club and others which provide eye care for those unable to afford it, I saw first hand how important education and availability of services are to preventing blindness. Dealing with blindness is a serious challenge to the individual, and their families. Today sheds light on what people can do within their communities to end preventable blindness and provide the facilities needed to deal with blindness. Every volunteer in these programs has the potential to change lives.

All too often, we take for granted how precious our senses are to our daily lives. I commend these organizations in declaring October 10th, 2002 as World Sight Day and in promoting the importance of vision throughout America's communities.

IN HONOR OF TED MALIARIS

HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. JIM DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ted Maliaris, a devoted American who is following his heart and sharing his love for our nation through his passionate music. Through his "A Tribute to America Tour," Ted is lifting the spirits of Americans across the nation while teaching children the importance of American values.

Ted was born in South Florida, and thanks to the encouragement of his grandparents, who were both musicians, Ted soon discovered his true love for music. During his years working on the family farm, Ted honed his musical talents and soon decided to follow his

dream of sharing his music with others. He recently recorded his first album with the London Symphony Orchestra, where he honored the immigrant farm laborers who worked along side him during his career on the farm.

After the tragic events of September 11, Ted's mother, Ann S. Miller composed "A Tribute to America—A 21st Century Anthem" to honor the men and women in the Armed Forces. The song inspired Ted to organize the "Tribute to America Tour," which features his performance of his mother's song and performances by various children's groups around the country. Hoping to show children the patriotism and pride that lies in our country, America's Life Line Association is planning a special recording of 50,000 children singing the Anthem together.

On behalf of the people of Tampa Bay, I would like to extend my gratitude to Ted for his dedication to our country and this important cause.

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATIONS WEEK

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, today Representative JOHN PETERSON and I are introducing a bill to establish an annual National Visiting Nurse Associations Week in honor of the army of health care heroes who, every day, comfort, care for, and assist our loved ones. Modern society takes for granted the need for nursing as an indispensable component of our public health system, but this was not always the case. The very concept of a visiting nurse can be traced to the pioneering work of Florence Nightingale. She reformed British military hospitals in the Crimean War through an expose in the British press. She professionalized nursing and made it an acceptable profession for educated women, devoted the rest of her life to building on her experiences, setting standards and writing books, until the mission of nursing had gained the respect of the world.

When Henry Wadsworth Longfellow read of the work of Florence Nightingale, he penned a poem, *Santa Filomena*, that spoke of the deep appreciation owed by all of us to those dedicated to service in the ultimate caring profession. He wrote:

When'er a noble deed is wrought,
When'er is spoken a noble thought,
Our hearts, in clad surprise,
To higher levels rise.
The tidal wave of deeper souls
Into our inmost being rolls,
And lifts us unawares
Out of all meaner cares.

The Visiting Nurse Associations of today are founded on the principle that the sick, the disabled, and the elderly benefit most from healthcare when it is offered in their own homes. They are non-profit home health agencies that provide cost-effective and compassionate home and community-based health care to individuals, regardless of their condition or ability to pay for services. Through these exceptional organizations, 90,000 clinicians dedicate their lives to bringing

healthcare into the homes of over 4 million Americans every year. In the face of rising costs and drastic changes in our health care system, Visiting Nurse Associations have continued to deliver high quality health services for over 120 years.

It is time for Congress to recognize the vital services that visiting nurses provide their patients. Moreover, visiting nurses also are an indispensable lifeline for families. The comfort and quality care that visiting nurses provide can help family members cope with the difficulties of a loved one's illness.

I am proud to be introducing this important legislation with my colleague Representative PETERSON and urge my colleagues to join us in supporting National Visiting Nurse Associations Week.

DANIEL PEARL MUSIC DAY

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join musicians, artists and performers across America and around the world in saluting the life of Daniel Pearl and recognizing October 10, 2002—the day he would have celebrated his 39th birthday—as Daniel Pearl Music Day.

Musicians worldwide, including Itzhak Perlman; the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra; Junoon, the number one rock band from Pakistan, and numerous others have joined this tribute, which will use the universal language of music to spread a message of tolerance, humanity, friendship and global cooperation. Communities from Los Angeles, Hong Kong, Washington, Paris, and Tel Aviv to Mumbai, Goa, Bangkok and Beijing will all celebrate Daniel Pearl's message of world harmony.

Daniel, a talented violinist, fiddler and mandolin player, joined a band, orchestra or chamber group in every community in which he lived. Through music, he made friends out of strangers of all cultures.

A Princeton, New Jersey native, Daniel Pearl graduated from Stanford University with a BA in Communications. He began his career in journalism in the late 1980's and won an American Planning Association Award for a five-part series on land use. He joined the Wall Street Journal as a reporter in 1990 in Atlanta and moved to Washington, DC. He then moved to London, then to Paris and finally to Bombay where he was named South Asia bureau chief. He was an accomplished journalist with an uncanny ability to uncover wrongdoing while never losing sight of the humanity behind the news.

The extraordinary life of Daniel Pearl, a devoted son, a loving husband, a caring father and a loyal friend was tragically interrupted when he was kidnapped and brutally murdered by Islamic extremists in Pakistan while investigating a story for the Wall Street Journal.

In the spirit of Daniel Pearl's love of music and commitment to dialogue, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing October 10, 2002 as Daniel Pearl Music Day.

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATIONS WEEK

HON. JOHN E. PETERSON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to introduce to my colleagues a resolution establishing a National Visiting Nurse Associations Week. Serving communities around the country for over 120 years, congressional recognition and gratitude for these nonprofit home health agencies is long over due. Currently, they are composed of 500 different associations and care for over 4,000,000 patients each year, many of whom are chronically ill and unable to pay medical expenses.

In a country crippled with staggering health care and medical costs, the Visiting Nurse Association continually and successfully works to achieve its mission of cost-effective and compassionate home and community-based health care to individuals, regardless of the individuals' condition or ability to pay for services. They are a leading provider of mass immunizations in the Medicare program and constitute over 50 percent of all Medicaid home health admissions. The association relies heavily upon volunteer nurses and reinvests any budget surplus into charity care, adult day care centers, wellness clinics, Meals-on-Wheels, and immunization programs.

This resolution would establish an annual National Visiting Nurse Associations Week in order to increase public awareness of the charity-based organization. They unquestionably deserve recognition for their noble services and by establishing this resolution Congress would support the continuation of their mission.

I am proud to recognize these invaluable contributions of our VNAs by cosponsoring this legislation.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD MUSELLA

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 10, 2002

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard Musella on the occasion of his retirement as the Executive Director of the Westchester/LAX-Marina del Rey Chamber of Commerce.

Rich has been an active member of the greater Westchester community, for more than three decades. As Executive Director, a position he held for seven years, Rich oversaw the daily operations of the more than 650-member chamber, one of the largest in Los Angeles county. Among his many accomplishments is the implementation of the consolidation of the Westchester/LAX Chamber and the Marina del Rey Area Chamber to create the Westchester/LAX-Marina del Rey Chamber of Commerce in 1998. Rich has served on the board of the Westside Council of Chambers of Commerce and the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce.

In addition to his Chamber work, Rich has also made other important contributions to his