

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

community, serving on the boards of the Westchester Vitalization Corporation and the Flight Path Learning Center of Southern California, and as treasurer of the Rotary Club of Westchester. He has also served as the chair of the LAX Area Advisory Committee, president of the Marina del Rey Area Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Westchester Association.

On a personal note, Rich was instrumental in working with me and my staff to arrange important community meetings, including several forums related to homeland security in the wake of the September 11 attacks. He also helped host a highly successful small business forum which attracted more than 100 business owners from the area. Most notably, Rich was instrumental in bringing the community together for a 1997 event with then-U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen.

I want to thank Rich for his years of dedicated service to the greater Westchester community and his personal commitment to improving the quality of life in his hometown of Westchester and throughout the South Bay.

#### CONGRATULATING THE FRESNO AREA TAIWANESE ASSOCIATION

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fresno Area Taiwanese Association on the occasion of celebrating the 91st Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of China on Taiwan. The Fresno Area Taiwanese Association will be holding a flag raising ceremony in the Peace Garden at California State University, Fresno at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 13th to commemorate this day.

In 1911, the Wuchang Uprising brought an end to dynastic rule in China and led to the re-establishment of the first republic in Asia. Dr. Sun Yat-Sen was the leader of this uprising and helped to found this new nation. Today, the people of Taiwan and throughout the nation celebrate this historic event with as much fervor as they had on the day of the uprising. Since its establishment, the Republic of China has made countless contributions to the world especially in the areas of economic and social development, science, and technology. Today, Taiwan continues to be one of the cornerstone democracies in Southwest Asia and I will certainly continue to support this thriving country.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Fresno Area Taiwanese Association on the occasion of the 91st National Day of the Republic of China on Taiwan. The cultural richness of Fresno is a direct result of an active and involved Chinese community and this has helped to strengthen and enhance the relationships in our Valley. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing the Fresno Area of Taiwanese Association many more years of continued success.

#### RECOGNITION OF STAFF SGT. DAVID LYNCH

#### HON. MAC COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, last Saturday, 19-year-old Adam Gresham was swimming in the hotel pool at the Lafayette Garden Inn, in LaGrange, Georgia. Young Adam drowned in that pool, his breathing and pulse both stopped.

Not far from the hotel is the LaGrange-Callaway Airport, where spectators were enjoying an air show as part of the Delta Airlines Flyin and Airfest. Staff Sergeant Jason Lynch, is a U.S. Air Force A-10 mechanic with the 23rd Fighter Group at Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, which was part of a demonstration team for the air show. SSgt. Lynch was staying at the hotel when he heard screams coming from the pool area. He immediately dropped what he was doing and responded. When he arrived, guests Barry Stetson and Neil Gray of Wanchese, N.C. and Roger Melville, of Stanley, N.C. were lifting the lifeless body of Adam from the pool. Calmly, Staff Sergeant Lynch asked onlookers to call 911 and began Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation on Adam, which he continued until emergency medical services arrived.

According to the Institute of Critical Medicine, the average survival rate for those receiving CPR is about three percent. That means that only 3 out of every 100 people needing CPR survive.

I am pleased to say that Adam Gresham is one of those lucky few.

Because of Staff Sergeant Lynch's quick thinking and level head, Adam Gresham, although still listed in critical condition at Western Georgia Medical Center, is alive today.

I would like to commend Staff Sergeant Lynch and the others for their heroic act and to encourage those hearing these comments to make the effort to learn this vital life-saving skill which saves thousands of lives each year.

#### TRIBUTE TO ANNETTE LEAHY

#### HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Annette Leahy for her four years of outstanding service to Marlborough Hospital and the Marlborough Community.

Mrs. Leahy has been an active member of the community going above and beyond what her job required her to do. She served as a member of the Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Tri-Country United Way, the Marlborough Rotary Club, and the Boys and Girls Club. Additionally, Mrs. Leahy has volunteered at the local food pantry.

Mrs. Leahy holds degrees from Central Connecticut State University, University of Hartford and the Hartford Graduate Center. Her professional career brought her to Rockville General Hospital, where she served as Vice President for Planning and Administration, Chief Operating Officer, and Senior Vice President of Integrated Health Services.

Since 1998, Mrs. Leahy has been President of the Marlborough Hospital where she oversaw major renovations and expansions, allowing for expanded community outreach programs. In her honor, Marlborough Hospital has named a former lobby the "Annette Leahy Conference Room" to commemorate her achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in congratulating Mrs. Annette Leahy for her stellar work at Marlborough Hospital, and wishes her best of luck as her career continues beyond Marlborough Hospital.

#### LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL DAY 2002

#### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, October 10, in communities throughout the nation, Lights On Afterschool Events will be taking place. At schools, 4-H Clubs, Police Athletic clubs, YWCAs, in Mayor's offices and in state capitols-activities are planned that highlight the importance of providing safe, enriching environments for young people before and after school hours. These programs are important for working families, help improve academic outcomes for kids and help strengthen the fabric of community life. In my own state of Michigan over 200 events are planned on October 10 to educate families about available programs. America's children are our most precious resource. Their health, their safety, the quality of their education-these are responsibilities we all share. We have an obligation to ensure that every child has a genuine opportunity to succeed. The availability of Afterschool programs moves us toward that goal.

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program—by no means the only source of support for Afterschool programs—is a critical resource for all states. The No Child Left Behind Act—signed into law last January by President Bush—promises communities that need this help most, the funds necessary to sustain and develop high-quality Afterschool programs. Unfortunately, in many locations across America millions of children are left home alone, unsupervised, during the hours immediately after the school day ends. For too many of our children these hours are full of squandered opportunities for tutoring, mentoring, academic challenges, and physical, social and cultural development. Not surprisingly, this is a time of day when most juvenile crimes are committed and when more youth are vulnerable to drugs and teenage pregnancy. Lights On Afterschool is an opportunity to showcase the programs that do exist and build support for their expansion. Through the generous support of J.C. Penney, the Afterschool Alliance has nurtured the growth of the Lights on Afterschool campaign—this year events are taking place in 422 congressional districts. By next year that number will grow to 100%.

We all have a responsibility where the nation's young people are concerned—parents, educators, business leaders, community and faith-based organizations and legislators. Providing for the health and welfare of America's