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90TH ANNIVERSARY OF HADASSAH

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to take this opportunity to honor the 90th anniversary of one of the Nation's leading organizations, Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, paying special honor to the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter and the Aliquippa, Ohio Valley Group. In the past nine decades, Hadassah has become the largest women and largest Jewish membership organization in the United States with over 300,000 members and 1,500 chapters across the country.

Founded in 1912 by educator Henrietta Szold, Hadassah has been dedicated to pursuing social justice, ensuring Jewish community, promoting a prosperous and peaceful Israel, and providing for the health, education, and well being of American Jewish women and their families. Of the many positive activities and humanitarian missions the members of Hadassah partake, their greatest achievement is their network of world-renowned medical and educational facilities in Israel. Their flagship project, the Hadassah Medical Organization, provides health care of the highest quality to numerous individuals from all areas of the Middle East, without regards to race, religion, or nationality. The Hadassah Medical Organization also provides training for health care professionals from all corners of the world. For 90 years, Hadassah has supported peace and stability in the Middle East.

In addition, the members of the Hadassah Pittsburgh Chapter, and the Aliquippa, Ohio Valley Group have been involved with a number of issues concerning women and the Jewish community in the United States. They have advocated a program for breast cancer detection and awareness, sponsored Jewish family programs, and encouraged civic participation on public policy through their Government Relations Unit. This is included with local support of the Women's Center of Beaver County.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Hadassah and its members within the Greater Pittsburgh Chapter and Aliquippa, Ohio Valley Group for their commitment to helping numerous individuals, and improving the quality of their lives in the Middle East and across America. May they continue to advocate for peace and well being domestically and abroad for another 90 years.

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF HADASSAH

HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to publicly acknowledge one of the

finest volunteer organizations in America. Founded by Henrietta Szold in 1912, Hadassah has been a shining example of the Jewish commandment, "Tikkun Olam," healing the world.

I am proud to be a longtime, and life member of a group that has been a strong advocate for American-Israeli relations, the Jewish religion and family, civil liberties, and women's health. Over the course of the past nine decades, Hadassah has demonstrated an unsurpassed compassion and zeal for improving the quality of life for Jews, and for all people, everywhere.

Hadassah's best known project is the Hadassah Medical Organization. This world renowned medical complex provides unsurpassed medical care, world class research and professional training for the people of the Middle East. Set in the heart of Jerusalem in Mount Scopus, and in Ein Kerem, the Hadassah Medical Organization has long been a symbol of Jewish values. Built in one of the world's most troubled regions, Hadassah's hospital has consistently provided the highest quality of medical care to all people, regardless of race, religion, or national identity. Hadassah doctors have been the hidden heroes for fallen soldiers, the victims of countless terrorist attacks, and ordinary people, Arab and Jew alike, who seek medical care for their children.

Hadassah is also the sponsor of the Young Judaea program, one of the most impressive Jewish youth organizations in the world. Young Judaea has played a critical role in the development of tens of thousands of American Jewish youth. Located throughout the United States, Young Judaea offers Jewish youngsters an opportunity to interact with other Jewish youth, and learn about their Jewish identity, Zionism, and commitment to their community. In addition to their successful summer camp program, Young Judaea provides outstanding programs for young Americans in Israel. Through Hadassah, Young Judaea has enriched the lives, and broadened the horizons of generations of Jewish youth.

Hadassah's efforts improve the lives of all women, the Jewish community, and all Americans. Their Women's Health Department runs a nationwide "Check It Out" campaign to detect and raise awareness of breast cancer. Hadassah has also played a central role in encouraging women to participate in the political process. Members have lobbied tirelessly on issues including the rights of women, church-state separation, and foreign affairs. Hadassah's 300,000 members are voices heard on every issue, in every state.

As a Jewish woman, Hadassah has been a major force in my life. Membership has prepared me well for public service. For nine decades, Hadassah women have been leaders in our communities, and the inspiration for our nation's Jewish youth. We have a great debt to pay to Henrietta Szold, and the hundreds of thousands of women who have helped make Hadassah the organization it is today.

I congratulate my Hadassah sisters for a job well done, and done well.

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF HADASSAH

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the anniversary of Hadassah, the 90th Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. Hadassah, a women's volunteer organization founded in 1912 by Henrietta Szold, is today the largest women's and largest Jewish membership organization in the United States. With more than 300,000 members, Hadassah seeks to promote the growth and unity of the Jewish community within the United States as well as strengthen its partnership with Israel.

During the past nine decades, Hadassah has been devoted to initiating and supporting health care, education, youth institutions, and land development in Israel. The Hadassah Medical Organization, one of Hadassah's greatest achievements, currently provides the highest standard of health care to individuals throughout the Middle East. In accordance with Hadassah's humanitarian mission and its strong support of a peaceful and secure Middle East, service is provided to individuals regardless of race, religion, or nationality. The Hadassah Medical Organization also serves as an excellent tool for training health care professionals around the world.

In addition to its efforts in Israel, Hadassah has been involved in many issues concerning women and the American Jewish community. The Rachel Szold Henrietta Chapter in Madison, one of Hadassah's earliest chapters, has been very active in the community, providing programs concerning the advocacy of women's issues as well as health issues. In the past, they have held a "Fun and Fitness Day," which is an active health fair with workshops. Last September, Hadassah, along with other local Jewish women's organizations, held a medical education discussion on hereditary cancers in Ashkenazi women. These are just a few of the events that the Madison chapter, and other chapters across the country, have held to benefit women and health.

I wholeheartedly congratulate Hadassah for many years of success as a volunteer organization. I am proud to recognize this organization on its 90th anniversary.

90TH ANNIVERSARY OF HADASSAH

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America on its 90th anniversary and to pay special tribute to the largest Jewish women's membership organization in America.

Hadassah was founded in 1912 by educator and visionary Henrietta Szold. It was her vision and commitment to the ideal of a Jewish homeland and to social justice that led to the creation of Hadassah, an organization dedicated to help heal a Palestine rife with poverty, filth, and disease.

Today, with more than 300,000 members across the United States, Hadassah supports the Hadassah Medical Organization, the most advanced medical center in the Middle East. This medical center is comprised of two hospitals, 90 outpatient clinics, and numerous community health centers. It provides state-of-the-art health care to 600,000 patients a year—regardless of race, religion, or creed. In addition, through the congressionally funded American Schools and Hospitals Abroad Program, the medical center also stands ready to serve American military troops should the need arise.

Hadassah also funds and maintains four major programs in Israel and the United States. They include: Hadassah Israel Education Services, Youth Aliya, Young Judea, and the Jewish National Fund. Hadassah also provides relief services during international health crises, including in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Rwanda. In the United States, Hadassah members are engaged in a multitude of activities. From women's health seminars to programs about Jewish traditions and rituals, Hadassah is dedicated to improving the lives of those in our community.

Hadassah's mission is to promote a prosperous and peaceful Israel, ensure Jewish continuity, pursue social justice, and provide for the health, education and well-being of American Jewish women and their families. I hope my colleagues will join me in saluting the spirit of volunteerism and service to community that has marked the 90 years of Hadassah's existence.

IN HONOR OF HADASSAH

HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise and honor Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America for their 90th Anniversary. Hadassah is the largest women's and Jewish membership organization in the United States.

Henrietta Szold, the Jewish scholar and activist, who was dedicated to Judaism, Zionism, and the American ideal, founded the organization in February 1912. Her goal was to strengthen their partnership with Israel, ensure Jewish continuity, and realize their potential as a dynamic force in American society. Today, Hadassah's efforts are enhancing the quality of American and Jewish life through its promotion of education, health awareness, and unity.

Hadassah's greatest achievement to date is their network of world-renowned medical and educational institutions in Israel. It provides the highest quality of health care to countless individuals throughout the Middle East, regardless of race, religion or nationality.

Please join me in honoring Hadassah for their continuous efforts in improving the life of Americans as well as the rest of the world.

COMMEMORATING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF HADASSAH

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the 90th anniversary of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. This esteemed organization has grown to become the nation's largest woman's and Jewish membership organization. Today, we celebrate Hadassah having dedicated 90 years to pursuing a most worthy humanitarian mission.

It was in 1912 that the educator and visionary Henrietta Szold founded Hadassah. In the time since, it's members have not only been committed to promoting a peaceful and prosperous Israel, ensuring Jewish continuity and pursuing social justice, but also providing for the health, education, and well-being of American Jewish women and their families. This organization has helped build Israel's medical infrastructure from the foundations laid by two American nurses in 1913 through a combination of hard work and professionalism. Today the Hadassah Medical Association supports the region's most advanced medical center, treating 600,000 patients a year from all religious and ethnic backgrounds, and assisting in the training of greatly needed doctors and nurses.

On home soil, Hadassah has also had a historic impact, easing the concerns of women and the Jewish Community. In response to some 43,000 breast cancer deaths each year, Hadassah has joined the battle to diagnose cases early, by running screening and awareness programs. Furthermore, the organization sponsors Jewish family programs across the nation, encourages civic participation and has devoted considerable effort to educating members and the general public alike, on important public policy issues.

Mr. Speaker, for nine decades Hadassah has served communities worldwide improving the lives of women and their families. Now I ask my colleagues to join with me in honoring this organization and its members past and present, for their perseverance and many remarkable accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF HADASSAH'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, with great pride I rise to praise the work and women of Hadassah on their 90th Anniversary.

Hadassah has been in the forefront of support for women's rights, women's health, and Israel for almost a century, and its impact can be seen in countless ways.

In Israel, Hadassah's hospitals and clinics provide the best medical care in the region to all those who need it. They treat patients without regard to race or religion, from the victims of the worst terrorist attacks in the region to individuals from across the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Here in the United States, Hadassah's work in Los Angeles and across the Nation strengthens our community and our ties to Israel. Hadassah works to ensure access to medical care, prevent genetic discrimination, ensure women's reproductive rights and battle domestic violence. Its education and advocacy campaigns have brought people together in support of issues of vital importance to Jewish women around the world.

Hadassah was founded, as the story goes, on Purim 90 years ago. It took its name from the Hebrew word for Esther, who thwarted a plot to kill all the Jews in Persia. Hadassah has thwarted efforts to harm the needs and interests of the Jewish community ever since, and has reached out to all in need.

Congratulations to Hadassah, and thank you.

IN HONOR OF HADASSAH—THE WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2002

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Hadassah, on the occasion of the organization's 90th anniversary.

In February of 1912, Henrietta Szold founded Hadassah, presently the largest women's and largest Jewish membership organization in the United States. During the past nine decades, thousands of members from throughout the United States have set forth to promote a prosperous and peaceful Israel, ensure Jewish continuity, pursue social justice, and provide for the health, education, and well-being of American Jewish women and their families.

Since the group's humble beginning as a women's study circle, dedicated members have helped Hadassah to become one of the world's leading humanitarian organizations. In Israel, Hadassah's flagship project, the Hadassah Medical Organization, is the most advanced medical center in the region. This state-of-the-art healthcare facility is comprised of two hospitals, 90 outpatient clinics, numerous community health centers, and annually services over 600,000 patients regardless of race, religion, or creed.

The compassion of Hadassah is not only illustrated by their healthcare efforts. Hadassah funds and maintains four major Israeli and American programs—Young Judea, Young Aliya, Hadassah Israel Education Services and the Jewish National Fund. Each of these programs strives to support and promote Jewish life for Israelis and Americans of all ages. In addition to these programs, Hadassah is engaged in a wealth of educational, advocacy, training, and community service initiatives both in the U.S. and in Israel.

In honor of more than 300,000 members of Hadassah, I am privileged to pay tribute to their selflessness, incalculable hospitality, and success. Mr. Speaker, I would ask that you and my colleagues of the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Hadassah and its dedicated members for nine decades of social action and noble work.