

This past year has been a period of national mourning.

I hesitate to say but reality makes me do so—A sense of dread and sadness has gripped our nation in the searing emotional aftermath of the Day of Terror.

The world must never forget that September 11, 2001 was the bloodiest day on American soil since our civil war. Our flags are half-staff. The Congress has designated today Patriot Day to honor the sacrifice made by 3,000 innocent citizens on that tragic day. National character does not change in a day. 9/11 did not alter the American character, it merely revealed it—it forced—the emergency of a bedrock America of courage, resolve, resourcefulness and, above all, resilience. What the enemy did not know or anticipate was that beneath the outward normality of America in post-Cold War repose lay a sleeping giant that Admiral Yamamoto knew he had awakened on December 7, 1941 and that Osama bin Laden had no inkling he had awakened on September 11, 2001.

The world then witnessed an astonishing demonstration of resilience, the kind only a nation of continental size and prodigious productivity, of successful self-government and self-conscious spirituality could summon.

The anniversary of this stunning national 'state change'; will be respectfully celebrated in tears, sorrow and reflection. The death toll of the 9/11 attacks did not just affect New York and the United States. Though the overwhelming number of those who died was American citizens there were victims from 36 countries around the world. Our neighbor to the south, Mexico, with 27 who died, was the hardest hit of the foreign lands.

The old diplomatic refrain that "one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter" can no longer be argued. Ladies and Gentlemen—let me be perfectly clear: September 11 proved once and for all that "Terror is terror." Terror is inexcusable, it is indefensible, it is wrong.

That Day of Terror transformed "terrorism." In the past, in their madness, terrorists yearned for a lot of people watching, not a lot of people dead. Last year, the rules changed. Those terrorists—those assassins—sought to kill thousands as hundreds of millions watched in horror.

The murderers got what they wanted.

But, they and the rest of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network miscalculated America's might and resolve.

This September 11 marks not just a day of infamy, but also the close of Year One of the War on Terrorism. And to win the war we need to demonstrate—as America has done in other great wars of necessity—patience, endurance, determination, and a willingness to bear any burden.

Their attack on the symbols of United States economic and military power stirred the world's only superpower to place terrorism at the heart of its—and the world's—foreign and domestic policy.

The message today is clear. The United States will not negotiate terrorism. Nor will it compromise with terrorists. Rather she will destroy them and all the evil for which they stand. Of that, I have no doubt.

We will never forget 9/11.

Today's Symposium, then, is an important one. Today is the day to begin to move from this tragedy to "unity and a celebration of the human spirit."

Thank you Director de Montebello for making this great Museum the home of this gathering. Thank you Dr. Salim and Dr. LaRovere for your initiative. To all the organizers, musicians, members of the staff of the Met and the distinguished participants

who will be with us today I salute each of you.

Let us find healing and strength in remembrance. I pray that the coming year will bring us closer together—within our families and our communities—and ever more committed to caring for one another.

May we enjoy years of peace for our children, for the future, for all mankind.

Peace!•

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARCELO HOCHMAN OF CHARLESTON, SC, FOR HIS HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, the headlines always are the Israelis and the Arabs at each other's throats, so it's noteworthy when a Jewish doctor treats a Muslim child—gratis. I know of the expertise of Dr. Marcelo Hochman and I know of his humanitarianism. He has been doing it for years. I ask unanimous consent that this article from the November 17th Charleston Post and Courier be printed in the RECORD.

The article follows.

LOCAL SURGEON HELPING TURKISH BOY FACE WORLD

(By Allison L. Bruce)

BOY'S FAMILY SEARCHES WORLD FOR AID; FIND COMMUNITY OF HELP IN CHARLESTON

For 4-year-old Batuhan Itku, a trip to Charleston marks a new beginning.

The Turkish boy was born with a birthmark covering more than half of his face and causing severe disfigurement. He couldn't shut his right eye and a cleft lip make eating difficult.

After more than 30 doctors told Batuhan's parents, Levent and Ayla Itku, that they could not operate on Batuhan, Levent Itku said he and a friend from work created a Web page to see if other doctors elsewhere in the world could help.

Doctors from Canada, Germany and the United States responded to the site, but after Levent Itku sent medical information to them, only Dr. Marcelo Hochman remained.

Hochman is a facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon and a leading expert in treating hemangiomas. His practice is The Facial Surgery Center in Charleston.

He not only was willing to operate on Batuhan but also agreed to donate his services.

Levent Itku said he and his wife "couldn't believe what they heard . . . until the moment they came here and saw him (Hochman)," according to interpreter Yesim Otay. "At the beginning, they didn't have any hope. They thought it would be the same thing they heard before," Otay said, translating for Itku. Now, she said, "they have a great hope."

Batuhan's vascular birthmark is called a hemangioma, a condition that Hochman said affects about 10 percent of the population. They range from a pinpoint to large, severe deformations that usually affect the face, head and neck.

About 30 percent of hemangiomas require medical attention, Hochman said.

Common names for some forms of the birthmark include a portwine stain or strawberry.

For Batuhan, the hemangioma is severe and will require more than one operation.

"Had we seen him early on with aggressive medical treatment and laser treatment, perhaps he could have avoided this horrific disfigurement," Hochman said.

Hochman said doctors often tell families not to treat the condition.

"The prevailing advice parents get is to leave it alone, it will go away," he said. While that may be the right advice for some patients, Hochman said, he often sees children and adults who have been waiting for years for it to go away.

"What we're trying to do is change the way the primary care physicians see these lesions," he said. "There is hope for treatment. It is very common and lots of things can be done."

The Itkus are staying at the Ronald McDonald House downtown as Batuhan recovers from his first surgery. His stitches come out Monday.

Levent Itku said Batuhan is aware of everything Hochman did. After the surgery, he woke up one morning and patted his face, saying "Dr. Hochman did this to my face."

"He has a chance in his future life," Levent Itku said.

At the Ronald McDonald House, Batuhan—a bright, cheerful child—plays with a bag of toys and books. He finds a plastic drill, which he proceeds to use while making drill-like sounds on every piece of furniture available. He grins and laughs as his parents and others join in making the sounds with him.

He waves at people he knows at the house and constantly talks with his parents and guests.

His face shows signs of the first surgery. Hochman created an eye lid for Batuhan so he can close his eye for the first time. The cleft lip is also repaired so that he can eat better.

Batuhan's trip to Charleston for the surgery took a lot of coordination. Aside from Hochman donating his services, St Francis Hospital and local business owners also contributed. Patricia Dwight arranged for Batuhan and his family to get to the United States by collecting frequent flier miles donations. Dwight owns Adventure Travel and has lived in Turkey. After hearing about Batuhan's case, she made a point to visit the Itkus while she was visiting Istanbul.

"After meeting the family and seeing what incredible people the mother and father were, I was more inspired to help," she said. "They're dealing with it in such a remarkable way. Without them being the way they are, this would not have happened either."

On the Internet, she found out about a United Way program that uses frequent flier miles to provide transportation. With the help of several local donations, including a large donation of miles from Henry Cheves Jr., Dwight was able to bring the Itkus to the United States.

She also is leading the effort to create The Hemangioma Treatment Foundation. The foundation would help provide treatment of children and adults with vascular birthmarks and training for doctors in other companies.

Dwight said Batuhan's case was the catalyst for creating the foundation, which is currently under Trident United Way until it receives non-profit status.

A large part of Hochman's efforts in the last decade has been to educate other doctors about treating hemangiomas.

During the past 12 years, Hochman has traveled to other countries to operate on children with hemangiomas. He has traveled to Russia, Latin America and Mexico repeatedly.

Aside from demonstrating for doctors in other countries how the surgeries can be done, Hochman has edited a textbook on hemangiomas and hopes that more doctors in the United States also will explore the different kinds of treatment available.

He said he receives thousands of e-mails each year. Many of those come from overseas.

Two Costa Rican girls are coming to Hochman for treatment for hemangiomas this week.

Another 35 children in Costa Rica are waiting for treatment, as well as more children in Turkey.

Levent Itku said he wanted to thank all of the people who had helped his family, including Hochman, Dwight, the Ronald McDonald House and the Turkish community in Charleston, including Otay and Carol Arkok, who also helped with translation and took the family to dinner and shopping.

Dwight said at a time when Muslims and Jews are often in conflict, "here we have a marvelous example of interfaith cooperation . . . We have a marvelous man of one faith helping this needy child of another faith."

Hochman said that had never crossed his mind.

"I didn't even think about it until Patricia said, 'Isn't it wonderful that a Jewish doctor is treating a Muslim child?'" he said. "These people need help, and if we have the expertise, it's a privilege to help take care of them."

"These families endure so much. It feels good to be able to change that."●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 5:07 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2621) to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to consumer product protection.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3609) to amend title 49, United States Code, to enhance the security and safety of pipelines.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3833) to facilitate the creation of anew, second-level Internet domain within the United States country code domain that will be haven for material that promotes positive experiences for children and families using the Internet, provides a safe online environment for children, and helps to prevent children from being exposed to harmful material on the Internet, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3908) to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4664) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2003, 2004, and 2005 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5469) to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to the statutory license for webcasting, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-9596. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to NATO-led international security force in Kosovo (KFOR) received on November 15, 2002; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9597. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Cuban Immigration Policies"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-9598. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coal Management: Noncompetitive Leases; Coal Management Provisions and Limitations" (RIN1004-AD43) received October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9599. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Enhancement of Dental Benefits under the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP)" (RIN0720-AA61) received on October 9, 2002; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9600. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting, the draft of a bill entitled "Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2002" received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9601. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 737 Series Airplanes Docket No. 2001-NM-251" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0435)) received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9602. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Eurocopter France Model AS332C, L, L1, and L2; AS350B, BA, B1, B2, B3, and D; AS355E, F, F1, F2, and N; AS-365N2; AS-365N3; SA330F, G, and J; SA-365C, C1, and C2; SA-316B and C and SA-319B Helicopters Docket No. 2000-SW-55 [10-2-10-10]" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0430)) received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9603. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bell Helicopter Textron A division of tectron Canada model 222, 222B, 222U, 230, and 430 Helicopters Docket No. 2001-SW-73" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0431)) received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9604. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Air Tractor, Inc. Models AT-402, AT-402A, AT-402B, AT-602, AT-802, and AT-802A Airplanes Docket No. 2002-CE-03 [10-1-10-10]" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0428)) received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9605. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Model HH-1K, TH-1F, TH-1L, UH-1A, UH-1B, UH-1E, UH-1F, UH-1H, UH-1L, UH-1P and Southwest Florida Aviation Model SW204, SW204HP, SW205, and SW205A-1 helicopters manufactured by Textron, Inc. for the armed forces of the United States; Docket No. 2001-SW-41 [10-2-10-10]" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0429)) received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9606. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 767-200 and 300 Series Airplanes Powered by Pratt & Whitney JT9D series Engines; Docket No. 2001-NM-268 [10-1-10-10]" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0426)) received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9607. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747-200B, 300, 400, 400D, and 400F Series Airplanes Docket No. 2001-NM-22 [10-1-10-10]" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0427)) received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9608. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Request for Comments: Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Model S76A, B, and C Helicopters Docket No. 2002-SW-40 [10-3-10-10]" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0432)) received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9609. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: SOCATA Groupe AEROSPATIALE Model TB 21 Airplanes Docket No. 2002-CE-16 [10-3-10-10]" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0434)) received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9610. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: breeze Eastern Aerospace Rescue hoists, Series BL-16600-160, Augusta A109, Bell 206, Bell 222, Bell 407, Eurocopter France AS332, McDonnell Douglas MD-500, and Sikorsky S-61 Helicopters Docket No. 98-ANE-37 [10-3-10-10]" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2002-0433)) received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9611. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regatta Regulations; SLR; Columbus Day Regatta, Biscayne Bay, Miami, Florida" ((RIN2115-AE46)(2002-0033)) received October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9612. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law, United States Coast Guard, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Drawbridge Regulations; (Including 2 regulations)" ((RIN2115-AE47)(2002-0085)) received on October 15, 2002; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-9613. A communication from the Chief of Regulations and Administrative Law,