

Bethlehem, Palestine, which has long stood as an oasis of hope and peace in the Holy Land. This celebration also marks another significant milestone for the Holy Family Hospital, the 50,000th baby delivered.

In 1990 the Order of Malta, responding to the critical need of maternal care in the region, opened Holy Family Hospital. Since its opening, the hospital has become the premier maternity hospital and newborn critical care center of the entire region which includes Bethlehem, neighboring towns and villages, four United Nations refugee camps, and Bedouin encampments in the Judean Desert.

The need for Holy Family Hospital has continued to grow over the years, with an increase from 1,000 births annually to now over 3,000 and its outpatient clinics increased from 3,600 consultations a year, to over 22,000. The hospital built and maintains the only neonatal intensive care unit in the region. Thanks to their presence, the lives of 400 premature and low-birth-weight infants are saved every year. In addition, 90 midwives have been trained, which accounts for all the midwives working in all of the hospitals in the entire West Bank.

Holy Family Hospital continues to offer the latest in medicine to the Bethlehem area, including mammography, laparoscopic surgery, and Echo Doppler diagnosis not found anywhere else in the region. Additionally, a program of continuing medical education has been instituted which has brought renowned medical professionals to the hospital as visiting professors.

As well as providing critical health care, the hospital provides many a livelihood. Mr. President, 150 hospital employees are provided steady work and a fair wage, many of whom are the sole support of large extended families.

The top-notch care and much-needed jobs in an underserved area make the hospital special, but what makes Holy Family truly shine is their commitment to bringing peace to the families in the region. From facilitating Israeli-Palestinian cooperation in the medical field to their care of pregnant mothers and babies regardless of race or religion, Holy Family Hospital is a beacon of hope in the West Bank.

This 20th anniversary celebration and 50,000th baby delivered would not be possible without the Holy Family staff and volunteers from around the world and for their dedication to the most vulnerable Palestinians.

Over the next 20 years, it is critical that the U.S. continue to partner with Holy Family so the hospital can carry forward their critical vision for hope and peace.

Congratulations and thank you for not only saving the lives of thousands of babies, but touching the lives of countless more.●

TRIBUTE TO LOU RICE

●Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. President, For over 25 years, the Edison Welding

Institute, EWI, has been a national leader in helping manufacturers improve their products and productivity through advanced engineering. Based on the campus of the Ohio State University, EWI is a world-class model of a public-private partnership that works with universities and entrepreneurs, and small businesses and large corporations to strengthen Ohio's position as a national leader in aerospace, automotive production, and emerging advanced clean energy manufacturing.

Among its team of cutting-edge scientists and technicians, industry experts and project managers is an employee whose voice and face has made EWI among the most important assets of the great State of Ohio.

For the last 21 years, senior receptionist Willie Lou Rice has welcomed more than 1.5 million visitors by phone and in person at EWI. No one can walk through EWI without first being greeted by Lou not even Vice President Al Gore or U.S. and State Senators or Members of Congress representing districts from across the Nation. She has greeted high-ranking officials from the U.S. Departments of Energy, Commerce, Defense, and Transportation who visit EWI to learn about its latest work. Military personnel, corporate executives, university presidents, and dignitaries from all over the world have received Lou's greeting before meeting with EWI staff.

Her commitment to the mission of EWI also extends to the community. Each year Lou has welcomed 3rd graders from Columbus School For Girls and helps introduce them to the opportunities for women in welding technology. She regularly welcomes vocational school students and local science teachers to inspire them about engineering and to show them that Ohio has long been home to inventors and innovators behind the mask and torch, and the workers in a factory.

Lou has merged her role as frontline public relations ambassador for EWI with her love for her family, friends, and church. Willie Lou Rice will retire from EWI on October 31, 2010, having served her State with distinction and honored her community with a commitment to all. On behalf of a grateful State, I congratulate her for all that she has accomplished and wish her well in her retirement. Her legacy is clearly one of strength, loyalty, and integrity. Congratulations, Lou. ●

MAINE'S "BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS"

●Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, Today I commend the James F. Doughty School of Bangor, ME, on being named a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School. This recognition of high accomplishment was bestowed by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

The Blue Ribbon Schools award, created in 1982, is considered the highest honor an American school can obtain. Schools singled out for this national honor reflect the goals of our Nation's

education reforms for high standards and accountability. Specifically, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program is designed to honor public and private schools that are either academically superior in their States or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. This award recognizes that the James F. Doughty School has worked with its students to improve their academic standing and educational excellence.

I applaud the administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and students of the James F. Doughty School. Together, they are succeeding in their mission to generate confidence and momentum for learning. They are making a difference in the lives of their students, helping them reach their full potential as independent, responsible learners and citizens.

I also wish to commend Kennebunkport Consolidated School in Maine on being named a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School. This recognition of high accomplishment was bestowed by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

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I applaud the administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and students of the Kennebunkport Consolidated School. Together, they have built a quality, caring, and supportive educational community. The school is making a difference in the lives of their students, helping them reach their full potential as independent, responsible learners and citizens.●

TRIBUTE TO LUCY S. GARVIN

●Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lucy S. Garvin on the occasion of her retirement as chairman of the board and president of the United States Tennis Association, USTA.

Lucy's truly outstanding career in the world of tennis directly reflects her over 30-year commitment to advancing and improving the game. She has impacted tennis as a competitor, instructor, referee, industry representative, and an avid volunteer. As a recreational player, she won titles at all levels between 1976 and 1990, and in 33 years as a certified referee, she has officiated at countless tournaments.

Leading with charm, determination, and humility, Lucy has worked to expand the sport of tennis at every level around the country. On a local level, she has been a tireless advocate of tennis in South Carolina and in the Southern Region. A former president of the

USTA Southern Section and USTA South Carolina, she was inducted into the USTA Southern Tennis Hall of Fame in 2005. Lucy has also been recognized with the USTA Southern Section's Jacobs Bowl Award in 1999 and the South Carolina President's Award in 1998. The South Carolina Tennis Association established the Lucy Garvin Volunteer of the Year Award in her honor, and she was inducted into the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame in 1998.

Lucy was elected chairman of the board and president of the 730,000 member USTA in January 2009. In doing so she became the first South Carolinian and only the third woman to hold the position in the organization's 129-year history. Prior to her appointment as president, she served one term as first vice president, two consecutive terms as vice president, and one term as a director at large. In addition to her responsibilities as USTA chairman and president, Lucy is also the chairman of the U.S. Open, and represents the USTA on the Grand Slam Committee. During her tenure as USTA president, tennis has grown to over 30 million recreational players.

On an international level, Lucy was elected to the board of directors of the International Tennis Federation, ITF, in 2009, serving as a vice president. She currently serves as chair of the ITF Junior Competitions Committee and a member of the ITF Development Committee. Because of her career of dedicated leadership and commitment to tennis, Lucy was elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame Board of Directors in 2008.

Beyond being respected for her numerous leadership positions, Lucy is equally admired for being a devoted volunteer. She has tirelessly advocated for growing the game of tennis both by focusing on younger players and through outreach to traditionally underserved groups. As a result of her commitment and volunteerism with the QuickStart program, which focuses on bringing children to the game of tennis, four recently constructed QuickStart tennis courts were dedicated in Lucy's name.

Lucy's well deserved acknowledgments and recognitions highlight the impact she has had on both the game of tennis and its worldwide community. She is an invaluable asset to the tennis community, and as a leader has set an example for future USTA presidents to follow. She continues to live by her personal motto, "Teamwork: One Team, One Goal: To Promote and Develop the Growth of Tennis." I am confident Lucy will continue this mission.

I ask that the U.S. Senate join me in celebrating Lucy Garvin's lifelong dedication to both the game of tennis and to the State of South Carolina, and I wish Lucy the very best in her future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO SHERYL MILLER

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize a public servant from my home State of South Dakota. Sheryl Miller is retiring from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, after 33 years of Federal service, including 32 with HUD and the last dozen years as the field director of the South Dakota HUD office.

During her years at HUD, she has always displayed a steadfast awareness of the housing needs of South Dakotans and a commitment to share and convey agency policies and information. When confronted with congressional and public inquiries, she always handled issues in a timely manner and networked well within the agency to provide complete and concise answers to questions. By all accounts, Sheryl always displayed a pleasant demeanor and was a true professional in her work ethic and dedication to public service.

Sheryl has an extensive background working with HUD programs in single and multi-family housing, public housing and community planning and development. She has served in HUD positions in the Denver and San Francisco regional offices. She has definitely satisfied the credentials earned with her master degree in public administration from Drake University.

During her years of service, Sheryl has witnessed many changes in public housing policies and priorities. Because of her dedicated work, countless families in South Dakota have been helped immensely in obtaining or maintaining public housing. This has a dramatic impact on the livelihood of the individual family, but also has a dramatic positive impact on the community and State. It is my hope that Sheryl leaves her HUD post knowing that she greatly impacted the lives of many people and there can be fewer greater rewards in a public service career.

I wish Sheryl all the best in her retirement.●

TRIBUTE TO MIKE LOWELL

● Mr. LEMIEUX. Mr. President, today I pay tribute to one of baseball's great athletes. At the end of this baseball season, Floridian Mike Lowell will hang up his glove and bat and retire. From hitting a single his first time up at bat in the Major Leagues to being named Most Valuable Player of the 2007 World Series, Lowell has proven his excellence and consistency on the field throughout his career.

Mike Lowell began his 13-year professional career with the New York Yankees but soon returned to his home State to play for the Florida Marlins where he was an integral part of the 2003 Championship team. Having grown up in Miami, he had the opportunity to play in front of family and friends. Later, he joined the Boston Red Sox, where he spent the rest of his career.

His time as a baseball player did not transpire without obstacles. Months

into his first season with the Marlins, Lowell was diagnosed with testicular cancer. He missed 2 months of the 1999 season while he underwent treatment. But he survived and went on to have a tremendously successful career.

Both on and off the field Mike Lowell has gained the respect of his fellow players. With his two World Series rings, four-time All-Star participation, Gold Glove, more than 220 home runs and nearly 1,000 RBIs, he is a player to be admired. He has also proven his leadership in the clubhouse by utilizing his bilingual background to bridge the gap between English-speaking and Spanish-speaking players.

Many young boys dream of growing up to play baseball in the Major Leagues. Mike Lowell achieved that dream and is an inspiration for today's youth to continue to reach for their goals. While his career as a professional ballplayer will soon come to a close, Mike Lowell will always be remembered as one of baseball's greatest. I wish him many years of happiness with his wife Bertha and his two children, Alexis and Anthony.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF M. JACOB & SONS

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, small businesses are the engines of our economy. They provide jobs; they provide services; and they serve as anchors that help to stabilize communities across our nation. It is in this spirit that I recognize M. Jacob & Sons, a business headquartered in Farmington Hills, MI, that embodies the drive, determination, and entrepreneurial spirit at the core of any successful enterprise. M. Jacob & Sons, which has earned a reputation for innovation and commitment to service, is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.

Established by Max Jacob in 1885 as a one-man bottle exchange, the company has developed into a packaging leader with business operations spanning the globe. While their international expansion is impressive, of equal significance is their firm adherence to the family tradition on which the company was founded. They have recently ushered in the fifth generation of Jacob family involvement. Each generation has made important contributions to the company's success.

M. Jacob & Sons has a robust legacy of innovation. The company was one of the first businesses in the nation to develop a bottle recycling program. They were also one of the first to offer plastic packaging. And, I understand they were the first in their industry to hire a female salesperson, Elaine Jacob. Elaine went on to serve as an executive until her retirement in 1983. It is this type of forward thinking that has allowed M. Jacob & Sons to thrive for more than a century.

In addition to their pioneering business accomplishments, M. Jacobs & Sons also has been a generous member of the greater Detroit community.