

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