

New Jersey in more than 75 years to serve as President of the Auxiliary. And the American Legion Auxiliary could not have found a more caring, compassionate and capable woman to lead them.

Elsie Bailey was born in Hillsborough, New Jersey, later lived in both Somerville and Bridgewater, and is now a resident of Whiting, in the heart of my congressional district. She worked for 23 years at the Somerset Medical Center, retiring as personnel director.

Throughout her life, Elsie has been active in her communities, having served on the Somerset County Teacher Credit Union, the Parent Teachers Association and the Employees Activities Committee. She is currently a volunteer mentor, a member of the Whiting Rescue Squad Auxiliary, and a parishioner of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. But perhaps her proudest accomplishments are her two children and four grandchildren.

In 1961, Elsie Bailey joined the Stevenson-D'Alessio Auxiliary Unit 12 in Somerville, quickly becoming secretary of that unit. She has continued to serve in leadership roles at the unit, department and national levels, including serving as state President for New Jersey and as National Vice President.

Now as National President, Elsie has already begun implementing an ambitious agenda for the Auxiliary. She plans to travel across the country to every state and perhaps even to some foreign countries, in an effort to boost the Auxiliary's already impressive membership rolls. A lover of country music, Elsie has established a membership theme called "Country Hearts in Celebration," which she intends to use to recruit new members.

She has also taken on a special project called "Veteran's Pot of Gold" designed to raise funds to assist homeless veterans, an issue that has been a large part of my agenda as Chairman of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. I look forward to working with Elsie in this most noble mission to help the estimated 275,000 veterans who are homeless today.

Mr. Speaker, as our Nation fights a war on terrorism to keep America free and secure, it is comforting to know that there are people like Elsie Bailey supporting our veterans and our communities. I am confident Elsie Bailey will serve as new National President of the American Legion Auxiliary with the same distinction she has demonstrated her entire life. Through her service to our veterans, our communities and our Nation, Elsie Bailey has earned our respect and I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to her today.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SISTERS OF CHARITY AND GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES ON THE 150TH BIRTHDAY OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL

**HON. ROB PORTMAN**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sisters of Charity and the employees, physicians, and volunteers of the Good Samaritan Hospital, which will celebrate its 150th birthday on November 2, 2002.

Good Samaritan Hospital was founded by the Sisters of Chanty in 1852. It was Cin-

cinnati's first private general hospital. The 21-bed hospital was located downtown and, back then, was known as St. John's Hotel for Invalids. For over 100 years, the Sisters of Chanty was intimately involved with the running of the hospital and, early on, Cincinnatians quickly came to trust and depend on the care of the Sisters. By 1856, the hospital's size tripled. Shortly thereafter, business leaders were so impressed with St. John's philanthropic leadership that two of them bought a 95-bed hospital downtown and renamed it the Hospital of the Good Samaritan in honor of the Sisters of Charity. In 1915, the hospital was so popular that it moved to larger quarters in Clifton—where it is today—and opened 400 beds. Today, Good Samaritan Hospital cares for more inpatients than any other hospital in Southwestern Ohio.

Good Samaritan Hospital is known for its high level of patient care and its nursing care. In recent years, it has been ranked among the top 50 hospitals in the United States for its cardiology/heart surgery, endocrinology, neurology/neurosurgery, and urology services, and among the top 100 for its orthopedic services and coronary artery bypass surgery.

The vision of the Sisters of Charity, the devotion and hard work of the Good Samaritan medical staff, employees, and volunteers and Catholic Health Initiatives, which the Sisters of Charity helped found in 1996, have made Good Samaritan Hospital a great success.

All of us in Greater Cincinnati recognize the Sisters of Chanty and the Good Samaritan Hospital medical staff, employees, and volunteers on its 150th birthday.

FLOOR STATEMENT ON TAIWAN'S 91ST NATIONAL DAY

**HON. CHRISTOPHER COX**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, today I have the great pleasure of sending my congratulations to the people of Taiwan on the 91st anniversary of Double Ten National Day.

Ninety-one years ago today, forces loyal to Sun Yat-sen led the Wuch'ang uprising and paved the way for the rise of a new political experiment in democracy for the people of China—the establishment of the Republic of China, Asia's first republic. This was a turning point not only in the history of the East but in the history of the world.

In 1911, Dr. Sun envisioned a China that was nationalist, democratic, and dedicated to the social well-being of its citizens. While his Republic's political control on the mainland of China was short-lived, its impact in the minds of the people of China is eternal.

After more than 50 years of sound economic and political development, the Republic of China on Taiwan has proven to the world that not only the citizens of Taiwan, but all of the people of China can govern themselves in a system that is—as Dr. Sun Yat-sen envisioned—Chinese, democratic, and prosperous. The significance of this experiment is especially meaningful to us now because Taiwan has attained such a full measure of economic and political freedom.

And in that fifty year history, Taiwan has proven to be one of America's most loyal

friends. It is my deepest hope that we continue to recognize Taiwan's great achievements, loyal friendship, and sustained progress by continuing to promote Taiwan's participation in the World Trade Organization and such global bodies as the World Health Organization. We must also continue to provide Taiwan the defensive arms it requires to maintain peace on the Taiwan Strait.

I am very happy to join with the citizens of Taiwan to celebrate Double Ten National Day 2002.

ACKNOWLEDGING WORLD SIGHT DAY

**HON. JOHN BOOZMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the optometry community for over 24 years, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge World Sight Day.

Today, the National Eye Institute, the Lions Club International, Lighthouse International, and the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness will host World Sight Day this year with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library. Here in the Nation's capitol there will be adult and children's programs educating this community about the importance of understanding and preventing blindness and what they can do to help.

While working as an optometrist in Northwest Arkansas with groups such as the Lions Club and others which provide eye care for those unable to afford it, I saw first hand how important education and availability of services are to preventing blindness. Dealing with blindness is a serious challenge to the individual, and their families. Today sheds light on what people can do within their communities to end preventable blindness and provide the facilities needed to deal with blindness. Every volunteer in these programs has the potential to change lives.

All too often, we take for granted how precious our senses are to our daily lives. I commend these organizations in declaring October 10th, 2002 as World Sight Day and in promoting the importance of vision throughout America's communities.

IN HONOR OF TED MALIARIS

**HON. JIM DAVIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. JIM DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Ted Maliaris, a devoted American who is following his heart and sharing his love for our nation through his passionate music. Through his "A Tribute to America Tour," Ted is lifting the spirits of Americans across the nation while teaching children the importance of American values.

Ted was born in South Florida, and thanks to the encouragement of his grandparents, who were both musicians, Ted soon discovered his true love for music. During his years working on the family farm, Ted honed his musical talents and soon decided to follow his