

## Introduction

October 31, 2012

### Daughters Day Committee

**The Speaker:** Hon. members, it is indeed a great pleasure for me to introduce to all of you in the Assembly today members of the Daughters Day Committee who are seated in the Speaker's gallery. Established in mid-2011, Daughters Day is the initiative of a group of volunteer individuals and more than 40 diverse community organizations who are all dedicated to celebrating the lives, the contributions, and the achievements of all daughters in our society.

I will ask the following individuals to rise as I call their names and to remain standing until all have been introduced and then we can greet them all very warmly as one: chairperson and former citizenship judge Gurcharan Singh Bhatia; vice-chairperson and former economist with the Alberta government Charan Khehra; Ratna Basappa, Indo-Canadian Women's Association; Sonia Bitar, former citizenship judge; Satya Das, principal at Cambridge Strategies; Jim Gurnett, who is a former MLA and executive director of the Mennonite Centre and is technically a visitor with us – welcome, Jim – Dr. Zohra Husaini, Indo-Canadian Women's Association; Trina Joshi, a journalist; Paula Kirman, a freelance writer, photographer, and musician; Poushali Mitra, a worker in the human services sector; Christina Nsaliwa, Edmonton Immigrant Services Association; Didar Singh Pannu, former superintendent of schools; Shaykh Sheikh, religious minister for the Muslim community; and Miriam Thomas, president of the Indo-Canadian Women's Association. Hon. members, let's welcome and thank them all.



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