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CONGRESSMAN JOHN DINGELL TO ACCEPT NAANA'S ANGEL OF MERCY AWARD OCTOBER 26

Detroit, MI, OCTOBER 24, 2017 – The National American Arab Nurses Association (NAANA) announces that former U.S. congressman from Michigan, John D. Dingell will be presented the 2017 Angel of Mercy Award for his life-long support of the Arab American community and the cause of healthcare for all.

Mohamad Rustom, president of NAANA, said, "Mr. Dingell has been an icon in the Arab American community for years because of his staunch support of our community and for his fight for the rights of *all* Americans to receive affordable health care. We are honored that he accepted our invitation to attend and be recognized with our highest award. While we customarily recognize Arab American nurses, we also acknowledge the work of non-Arab American nurses and others who help or make a significant impact on the Arab American community."

Mr. Dingell and Henry Ford Hospital Transplant Institute unit nurse Annette Feeney will receive the award at NAANA's 6th annual banquet, held Thursday, October 26, at Byblos Banquets 7258 Chase Road in Dearborn, at 6:00 p.m. Beaumont Health is lead sponsor.

Bruce Nicely, RN, MSN, CPTC, chief clinical officer for Gift of Life Michigan will serve as keynote speaker.

In addition to presenting the Angel of Mercy winner, scholarships for 2017 will be awarded to four nursing students.

Individual tickets for the Angel of Mercy Banquet are \$100. Individual banquet tickets and tables of 10 tickets as well as ticket for the seminar can be purchased at www.n-aana.org or by [clicking here](#). Sponsorships are available by contacting Catherine Siladi, 586-944-6157, by e-mailing events@n-aana.org or by visiting www.n-aana.org.

NAANA was established in 2003 as a voice, a network and a resource for men and women in their pursuit of employment and advancement within the nursing profession. NAANA focuses primarily on the Arab American nurse but it is an inclusive nursing organization fostering knowledge of cultural diversity and sensitivity between members and the community in the area of transcultural health care.

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