

Saturday, September 5

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1997: Mother Teresa of Calcutta, revered by many as a modern-day saint, died at the age of 87**

1836: Sam Houston was elected president of the Republic of Texas

1980: The 10.5-mile (17km) St Gotthard road tunnel, at the time the longest in the world, was opened in Switzerland

1991: The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was formally dissolved after 70 years

2008: Quentin Bryce, a 65-year-old Queenslander, was sworn in as the first female Governor-General of Australia