

In Baltimore, students, staff and administrators celebrated GEAR UP Day on Friday and will continue their recognition on October 1, 2009.

In Bangor, Michigan, they had an all school assembly at Bangor High School which included a speaker on career opportunities after high school.

In Boone, North Carolina, GEAR UP leaders visited high schools to talk about GEAR UP and preparing for college.

In Brooklyn, students participated in the 9/11 Day of Service.

In Columbia, South Carolina, they recognized all the wonderful teachers, staff members, tutors, and volunteers who work with their GEAR UP students with an "Energy Breakfast" and by giving out thank you notes with Life Savers candy to let these people know they are GEAR UP's life savers.

In Columbus County, North Carolina, students and program staff will be celebrating GEAR UP Day this week and will be creating a GEAR UP Wall of Dreams.

In Edinburg, Texas, the GEAR UP site held a press conference to talk about the program, including a video message from Congressman HINOJOSA.

In El Paso, Texas, over 3200 GEAR UP students visited the UTEP Don Haskins Special Events Center for the GEAR UP Day Motivating Aspiring Scholars.

In Harrison County, West Virginia, they had daily announcements about GEAR UP and had every 10th and 11th grade student write their goals for the future on a strip of paper. The strips of paper have been linked together into a chain to display in the commons area.

In Jamaica, NY, the grantees hosted a round table discussion and invited Congresswoman MALONEY, Mayor Bloomberg and Councilman Peter Vallone.

In Lancaster, Pennsylvania, announcements were made every day last week with facts about college. To continue the celebration, I will be visiting this GEAR UP site next week.

In Lincoln City, Oregon, students participated in sessions on college preparation, overcoming obstacles to higher education, and college and career planning.

In Long Island, students participated in the 9/11 Day of Service.

In Lowell, Massachusetts, they received proclamations from Congresswoman NICOLA S. TSONGAS as well as Mayor Edward C. Caulfield in recognition of the National GEAR UP Day. The proclamations were read to students on Friday in an assembly. In addition, parents of GEAR UP students prepared and served breakfast to teachers and students to commemorate the 10th year anniversary of GEAR UP.

In Vista, California, the City issued a proclamation.

North Hollywood, CA hosted a bagels and college awareness meeting with teachers, parents and students at GEAR UP schools.

In Passaic, New Jersey student graduates presented to the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education.

In Philadelphia, they recognized and awarded certificates to the current 8th grade students in cohort schools. GEAR UP students received an award certificate, a GEAR UP Banner to display prominently in their schools, and a check in the amount of \$3000 to assist with offsetting costs for student support.

In Ponce, Puerto Rico, GEAR UP program staff displayed street banners on the university

campus and at participating schools. They also coordinated a television presentation with students to urge their classmates and students in general to stay in school and plan their postsecondary studies.

In Reno, current high school and college students (GEAR UP alumni) are being recognized today at a rally.

In Sacramento, they organized a presentation to the Superintendent, student presentations and campus tours.

In San Francisco, they celebrated with an address from principals, student workshops and an ice cream social.

In Santa Ana, California, GEAR UP conducted outreach and students pledged their commitment to college on cards.

In Syracuse, New York, students participated in the 9/11 Day of Service.

In Yakima, Washington they held an open house, college fair and reception.

In Yonkers, New York, administrators issued a "call to action" to the partner schools by requesting teachers and administrators engage students in developing a personal learning plan, help students locate various colleges on a map, teachers and administrators wear their college sweatshirts/t-shirts, talk about college, start a college dream journal with students, take pictures of all activities, and above all make it fun.

In Albany they hosted a GEAR UP Awareness Day in which the GEAR UP students shared their experiences with the program during the announcements. Program information and progress will be placed on tents and set on each table in the cafeteria. Stewarts Ice Cream was provided during lunch periods.

In Jefferson, New York, students and parents visited college campuses.

In Helena, Montana, they celebrated GEAR UP Day during their annual fall conference.

I am proud of all that GEAR UP has done, and will continue to do, to improve life for families and build a stronger, more competitive nation. I encourage my colleagues to join me in this celebration.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF
TERRENCE BARNICH

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Terrence (Terry) Barnich and the sacrifice he made for his country. Terrence was serving as the Deputy Director of the Iraq Transition Office in Baghdad when his motorcade was attacked by an improvised explosive device on May 25, 2009. He had dedicated his life to his country, leaving a comfortable life in Chicago and signing on for multiple tours in Iraq where he worked for more than two years.

Terrence was an exemplary and valiant U.S. citizen. Volunteering to serve in Iraq in a time of war attests to his loyalty and dedication to our country. As the Deputy Director of the Iraq Transition Group, he lent his skills to rebuilding and improving Iraq's energy infrastructure in an effort to help build a better future for the people of Iraq. His leadership in Iraq's transition has benefited thousands and will continue to affect generations to come. This is a great

loss not only to the Illinois 5th District, but also to the United States and Iraq.

Terry will be remembered by the American people as a selfless public servant whose memory will live on through his great accomplishments both here and in Iraq. On behalf of my family and the people of the 5th Congressional District of Illinois, I extend my deep condolences to his family. I hope that time and memories will help lessen the burden of their grief.

CELEBRATING THE INTER-
NATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSO-
CIATION 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the International Right of Way Association, which is celebrating its 75th Anniversary on Friday, October 16, 2009. IRWA is responsible for educating and cultivating top talent in the industry that has led us to many of today's modern conveniences and landmarks.

The United States is home to many accomplished and dedicated Right of Way professionals—the IRWA has been providing the path to success and adamant professionalism for members since its inception as a not-for-profit association in 1934. IRWA has united the efforts of its members toward professional development, improved service to employers and the public, and continues to make advancements within the Right of Way profession.

Right of Way professionals play a leading role in the development and advancement of our transportation, water, and energy projects, while advancing America for future generations. IRWA has nearly 10,000 professional members comprised of engineers, appraisers, property managers, acquisition agents, lawyers, surveyors, title experts, environmentalists, and relocation assistance agents.

Right of way professionals improve the lives of citizens across our nation through the building of infrastructure projects that transform our community. Infrastructures the country over have benefited from the hard work of IRWA professionals—the highways we drive on, utilities in our homes, and telephone towers that enable us to communicate—have all benefited because a Right of Way professional applied their unique expertise in creating the nation's infrastructure.

TRIBUTE REGARDING THE COM-
MISSIONING OF THE USS
"WAYNE E. MEYER" (DDG 108)

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Mr. SKELTON. Madam Speaker, let me take this means to celebrate and pay tribute to the commissioning of the USS *Wayne E. Meyer* (DDG 108).

On October 10, 2009, the United States Navy will commission this guided missile destroyer named in honor of a native Missourian,

Rear Admiral Wayne E. Meyer. Long regarded as the "Father of Aegis," Rear Admiral Meyer dedicated his life to serving our country. The USS *Wayne E. Meyer* will be commissioned in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and home ported in San Diego, California.

Madam Speaker, I am certain that my colleagues will join me in congratulating the Commanding Officer, Officers and Crew upon the commissioning of this beautiful ship.

REMEMBERING MARTHA L. LEWIS,
DADE CITY, FL

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a woman who thrived amidst adversity and dedicated her life to educating others so that they might not have to endure the same hardships that were bestowed upon her.

A lifelong Florida resident, Martha L. Lewis was born on November 4, 1922 in Lake Butler, Florida. Growing up, she had a strong desire to become a teacher. After graduating from high school, she saved up enough money to attend Bethune-Cookman College. She graduated first in her class earning a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

While attending Bethune-Cookman, she also met her future husband, Andrew N. Lewis Jr. He was the first African American to earn a high school diploma in Dade City. In their 48 years of marriage, they raised three children; Andrea, Angela and Andrew III. They were separated only by his death on July 24, 1995.

Martha continued her education earning her masters of education degree in 1957. She parlayed her education into a long and fulfilling career as a teacher in Pasco County. She began as a teacher at Moore Academy; the first all black school in Dade City prior to integration, was later appointed principal of Moore Elementary School in 1968 and, in 1970 was promoted to administrative supervisor of the Migrant Education Program for Pasco County.

She retired in 1973 after 27 years of devoted service to the public schools of Florida as a teacher, principal, and supervisor. Like her husband, she too will forever hold a place in Pasco County's history: upon her death, she was the only living black administrator of the Moore-Mickens Complex.

She spent the next 25 years as a pianist and choirmaster for the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Dade City. After retiring in 2003, she pursued a new found love of travel: she visited four of the seven continents.

Martha leaves behind a litany of loved ones to cherish her memory and pass on her legacy to the many generations to come.

IN HONOR OF MIKE FUOSS

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memoriam of Mike Fuoss, who was shot and

killed on Friday, September 11, 2009. Mike was a small business owner, father, brother, and friend to many in the greater Owosso community.

Mike was born February 7, 1948, in Owosso. He graduated from Corunna High School in 1966. He went on to study Diesel Mechanics and Business at Ferris State University. In 1999, he married his wife, Barbara.

Mike co-owned a number of small businesses throughout Owosso, including Fuoss Gravel Co. and Eddie O'Flynn's.

He was a member of the Owosso Home Builders Association, and the Shiawassee County Chamber of Commerce.

Mike loved restoring old cars and hot rods, enjoyed riding his Harley, and was a fan of NASCAR.

Fuoss was a good American who died tragically. The people whose lives he touched through his contributions to the community will miss him dearly.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROOKS
1ST CONSTRUCTION

HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Mr. SOUDER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th Anniversary of Brooks 1st Construction. Brooks Construction is the consummate local family business. It started in 1909 as a partnership between two friends, James Brooks and Lester Ginn, with a \$7,000 dollar investment from a Fort Wayne businessman, and today has grown into a leader in the construction development industry.

The capable hands of Brooks 1st Construction were responsible for much of the Third District's early infrastructure development. What is known today as Old Maumee Road was originally constructed by Brooks in 1911 to connect the cities of New Haven and Fort Wayne and was the first concrete road in the state of Indiana. With the growth of automobiles, Brooks Construction established itself as a leader in highway and road construction and in 1957 was charged with constructing the first section of the Indiana Toll Road.

Today, it is the premier contractor in Northeast Indiana, constructing highways, paving residential and commercial areas, and installing underground utilities across the Midwest. It is the standard for quality—its expansion of I-69 was selected as one of only eight finalists for the 1999 National Quality Initiative Award and five of its plants have received Diamond Awards from the National Association of Pavement and Development Association for excellence in appearance, safety, permitting and compliance, operations, environmental practices, and community relations.

Over the years, innovation has also defined Brooks 1st Construction, and its developments have led to the advances throughout the construction industry. They were one of the first companies to use self propelled concrete mixers. When the limitations of early trucks and drivers led to difficulty transporting materials, James Brooks developed a 'turntable' to automatically turn around trucks and allow for accurate unloading. Early construction projects were often hindered by mobility and the amount of time it would take to move from one

job to the next. To address this issue, Brooks Construction helped design "portable" plants, enabling them to move within 3 to 4 days. Their design soon became the industry standard greatly increasing efficiency.

More recently, Brooks' innovative spirit has led to environmental advances. In collaboration with National Serv-All, it developed a Landfill Gas Energy Recovery Project that utilizes waste gases created at an area landfill to heat one of its asphalt production plants. It also attempts to incorporate recycled materials in its products working to constantly find new ways to reduce costs and create a green product.

Throughout its long and successful history, Brooks 1st Construction has retained strong ties to the community where it got its start. The main facilities are still in Mishawaka, Goshen, Auburn and Fort Wayne Indiana. It is active with a number of local charities including Habitat for Humanity, the Boys and Girls Club, Family and Children Services to name a few. Brooks' contributions to educate young people and help them develop the leadership and entrepreneurial skills needed to succeed resulted in the company being inducted into the Junior Achievement Greater Business Hall of Fame.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Brooks 1st Construction.

ON THE PASSING OF RICHARD
SHADYAC

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Richard Shadyac, the former C.E.O. of the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities (ALSAC), the fundraising arm of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Mr. Shadyac passed away last Wednesday at the age of 80. For many years, he split his time between Memphis, Tennessee and the Washington, D.C. area.

He was widowed in 2001 when he lost his first wife, Juliette. He leaves behind their two children, Richard and Thomas, as well as two grandchildren. Richard followed his father's footsteps and recently assumed the position of C.E.O. of ALSAC on September first of this year. Thomas is a celebrated comedian, producer, director and writer in Los Angeles. Mr. Shadyac also leaves behind his wife of seven years, Lynn Caruthers Shadyac of McLean, Virginia.

Here in Washington, Mr. Shadyac was well known for advocating on behalf of the government of Libya. He also had a hand in the founding of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Mr. Shadyac received his Juris Doctor from Boston University in 1952. He served in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps during the Korean War. After he left the Army, Mr. Shadyac went to work at the Justice Department. Later, he became a founding partner of two law firms: McGinnis, Berg, Shadyac and Nolan and Metzger, Shadyac and Schwartz.

Thirty years after becoming a board member for St. Jude, Richard Shadyac became the