

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

C.E.O. of the hospital's fundraising operation in 1992. He held this position for 13 years, leading an effort that raised millions upon millions of dollars for the purpose of researching and treating childhood cancer and other diseases.

In 1985, St. Jude seriously considered leaving Memphis, Tennessee to relocate to Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. It was through Richard Shadyac's efforts that the hospital remains in Memphis today. I first met him when I was a Tennessee State Senator. He was on one of his many trips to Nashville, where he would adroitly encourage state officials to work to keep St. Jude in Tennessee. He advocated for his cause throughout the halls of the Tennessee State Capitol, and it was through these efforts that we became friends. I cherished his friendship in Memphis for many years, as well as in Washington D.C. when I joined the United States Congress.

After the death of his good friend and St. Jude's founder, Danny Thomas, Mr. Shadyac took the reins to ensure that the hospital would remain stable and secure. Without Mr. Thomas to publicly promote the hospital, it was Richard who decided that the children should be the new face of St. Jude. Under his leadership, St. Jude's donations increased four-fold.

Mr. Shadyac displayed a great interest in the individual well-being of St. Jude's patients. He would often visit the children and their families at the hospital. It was Mr. Shadyac who gave them a voice in the fight against cancer.

Upon his retirement, St. Jude's fundraising operation, the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities, was ranked among the three largest health care charities in the country.

My heart goes out to Mr. Shadyac's family, as well as the St. Jude community. Richard Shadyac dedicated his life to finding a cure for childhood cancer. He leaves behind a strong legacy of good will and deeds, and will forever be remembered by the Memphis and St. Jude communities.

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#### WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY

### HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2009*

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, yesterday was World Alzheimer's Day—a day to call attention to and raise awareness of this fatal, neurodegenerative disease afflicting over 5 million Americans.

In this country, someone develops Alzheimer's every 70 seconds, and total healthcare costs are more than three times higher for people with Alzheimer's and other dementias than for people the same age without the disease. Experts estimate that it could affect as many as 10 million baby boomers as they age. The bottom line is this: Alzheimer's disease poses a significant public health threat to our Nation.

In my State of California, there will be as many as 480,000 people age 65 and older who will have Alzheimer's disease by 2010. And Alzheimer's doesn't just strike the individual—it is a family disease. According to the Alzheimer's Association's 2009 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures, there are nearly

10 million Alzheimer's caregivers providing unpaid care valued at \$94 billion. In California alone, there are over 1 million caregivers grappling with the tremendous challenges of Alzheimer's disease every day.

In order to assist caregivers with these daunting challenges, I plan to reintroduce the Alzheimer's Treatment and Caregiver Support Act this month (H.R. 1032 in the 110th Congress). This bill provides grants to public and nonprofit organizations to improve treatment services for Alzheimer's patients and expand training and support services for families and caregivers. Expanding access to training and support services would improve the ability of caregivers to provide effective, compassionate care and allow more people with Alzheimer's disease to remain in their homes with people who love them. This bill had over 100 cosponsors in the 110th Congress, and I hope the 111th Congress will pass this important bill and send it to the President's desk.

We can also fight this disease with the Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act, H.R. 3286, of which I am proud to be a cosponsor. This legislation seeks to find breakthroughs in Alzheimer's disease by increasing research funding to \$2 billion per year. It also calls for a national summit on Alzheimer's disease to look at promising research possibilities and programs that are important in fighting this disease.

As we recognize World Alzheimer's Day 2009, I urge my colleagues to join with me and cosponsor the Alzheimer's Treatment and Caregiver Support Act and the Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act. Let us commit to take every possible action to improve treatments for Alzheimer's patients, support caregivers, and invest in research to find a cure for this disease.

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#### RECOGNIZING OHIO'S EMANCIPATION DAY

### HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 22, 2009*

Mr. AUSTRIA. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Ohio's Emancipation Day. On this day in 1862, following the battle of Antietam, President Abraham Lincoln issued a preliminary executive order, essentially setting a date for the emancipation of all slaves in rebellious states. Lincoln would go on to sign the final Emancipation Proclamation in January of 1863, thereby abolishing slavery altogether.

My home state of Ohio has long acknowledged September 22nd as Emancipation Day, and therefore I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on this milestone in our nation's history.

In addition, I would like to recognize Mr. Paul LaRue, a well-respected educator at Washington Court House High School and the efforts he and his students have made to educate the public about the importance of honoring this day. I will conclude with a quote from Ohio Congressman, James Ashley, who held office at the time the Emancipation Proclamation was issued: "If slavery is wrong and criminal, as the great body of enlightened and Christian men admit, it is certainly our duty to abolish it."

#### STUDENT AID AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

### HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 16, 2009*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration of the bill (H.R. 3221) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 3221, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act. As the first member of my family to graduate from college, I know that the opportunity to go to college was the key to any success that I have had in life. I understand firsthand that pursuing education after high school can be a challenging financial decision. Working families struggle to enable their children to go to college, and individuals who wish to pursue a second degree must weigh the costs carefully. This bill takes significant steps to make college more affordable and to ease the burden of debt for those who take out loans to pay for higher education.

H.R. 3221 continues our work to increase Pell Grants to keep up with increasing educational costs, raising the maximum grant to \$6,900 over the next ten years. It invests \$3 billion in efforts that improve access to college and support students throughout their education, like the successful initiatives of the College Foundation of North Carolina and the North Carolina Educational Assistance Authority in my state. The legislation also strengthens Perkins Loans by making more students eligible and keeping interest rates low.

H.R. 3221 makes critical investments in our historically black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions, and strengthens community colleges and training programs to ensure every student has the opportunity to succeed in school and gain the skills they need for success in our 21st century technological economy. It also invests in quality early education opportunities that plant the seeds of success for the next generation of college graduates. Finally, it makes all of these investments in a fiscally-responsible manner, even devoting \$10 billion in savings to pay down the deficit.

I am pleased that Chairman MILLER worked with me to ensure that non-profits and state agencies, like the North Carolina College Foundation and the North Carolina Educational Assistance Authority, continue to have a role in providing services to college-bound students. Millions of North Carolina families turn to these institutions for help with college counseling, loan support, and default prevention. It would be a tragedy to lose the local knowledge and expertise they provide. Student loan reform must preserve a role for these valuable loan guarantors and affiliated non-profits, and I am pleased that an amendment I offered which explicitly authorizes support for their services was included in the final bill.

As the former superintendent of North Carolina's schools, I know firsthand the needs of our school districts for modernization and renovation funding. I am pleased H.R. 3221 contains \$2 billion in each of the next two years