

Fay has dedicated her life to the betterment of her fellow citizens through a commitment to fighting for the rights of women and minorities, as well as disenfranchised and mentally ill individuals. She has also championed diversity and inclusion in our community and around Central Indiana.

For the past half a century, Fay has served as a board member for several prominent non-profit organizations including the American Red Cross Indiana Region Chapter, Children's Museum of Indianapolis and United Way of Central Indiana. At United Way, she co-launched the Minority Key Club, later renamed the Diversity Leadership Circle, a cornerstone organization with a commitment to diversity through talent acquisition in the community. Fay also went on to establish the Indianapolis Chapter of Coalition of 100 Black Women and served as a founding board-member of the Indianapolis Urban League and Girls Inc. of Greater Indianapolis.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Fay H. Williams for her invaluable and ongoing contributions to our community, state and country.

HONORING ASSYRIAN MEMORIAL
DAY

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of the Assyrian people. On the occasion of Assyrian Memorial Day, we pay our respects to and remember those Assyrians who have lost their lives to genocide and persecution.

The Assyrian people have faced systematic persecution from the early 20th century to the present day. From 1915 to 1918, 750,000 men, women, and children of Assyrian descent were killed under the Ottoman Empire, while still hundreds of thousands more became homeless and stateless refugees. In the Simele Massacre on August 7, 1933, 3,000 Assyrians were killed at the hands of the then-government of Iraq. In recent years, ISIS committed a brutal genocide against religious and ethnic minorities, including Assyrians, killing thousands of people.

We will ensure these tragedies are never forgotten. I would like to recognize New York State Assemblyman Nader Sayegh for his work in highlighting the valuable contributions that members of the Assyrian-American community have made in my state and across the country. We must recall the commitment of the United States to promoting freedom and human rights for all people regardless of their national, religious, or ethnic identity and remain steadfast in our conviction.

We must continue to speak out against injustice everywhere and contribute to a world in which all people can live without fear of genocide or persecution.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF ROBERT LEE SMITH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. HASTINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Robert Lee Smith. For decades, Robert pursued public service as a dedicated teacher, school administrator, and a member of the United States Air Force. We have lost a great leader, a tremendous educator, and a dear friend and advisor.

Robert dedicated his life to sharing knowledge. He sought out opportunities through which he could give back to his community, progressing first as a high school valedictorian and scholarship recipient to earning degrees from Florida A&M University and Columbia University Teachers School in education and school administration. As an exceptional Communications Specialist in the United States Air Force, education remained a focus as he additionally served as a part-time instructor and education services coordinator. Robert's service was rewarded with the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Outstanding Airman Award. He was Honorably Discharged as a Sergeant on June 10, 1956. Robert knew what it meant to serve his community and our nation. He always went above and beyond to improve the lives of those around him.

Robert's 36-year career in the Broward County School System enriched the lives of thousands of students, having served as a well-respected and cherished elementary school teacher and principle. His leadership expanded far beyond school walls, as he was president of Justice for All in Broward and the Golden Heights Homeowners' Association and he was the first African-American president of the Fort Lauderdale Optimist Club. He was also a leader in the First Baptist Church Piney Grove and his 63-year membership included serving as a Deacon and as Chairman of the Deacon Board. Undoubtedly, Robert's membership to the NAACP and position as Board Chairman for the L.A. Lee YMCA ensured his indelible mark on every facet of our community.

I extend my deepest condolences to Robert's wife, Betty; his daughter, Anitha Rhodette; his son-in-law, Darrell; his grandson, Kamyron; and his entire family during this extremely difficult time. His life and legacy will always live on and he will be dearly missed.

CONGRATULATING DICK SHAFFER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to congratulate Dick Shaffer, one of the recipients of this year's Encompass Health Personal Achievement Award.

Dick's first injury was in 1991 when he fell off a ladder while he got stung by a hornet as he was cleaning his gutters. He shattered his hip as a result of this. Most recently he fell at his home, cutting his head.

Throughout the years he has showed up each time for his rehabilitation with the determination to succeed over his injury, working hard to return to his healthy self.

Despite the challenges he faced, Dick never let his previous injuries deter him from living his life. He still maintains his positive attitude, strength, and love for his family.

Congratulations once again to Dick on this recognition.

REMEMBERING WILBERT
GREENFIELD

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in praise of Dr. Wilbert Greenfield, the 10th President of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina as well as the 10th President of Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia. Dr. Greenfield passed away last month at the age of 86. As President of the historically black university from 1973 to 1982, Dr. Greenfield strengthened Johnson C. Smith by gaining the financial support of several government and community agencies, by creating an Honors Program and by developing an Archival Center for preserving the university's heritage. He garnered funds to build new dormitories, which had not been done for years. The University's Board of Trustees named Wilbert Greenfield Hall in his honor in 1984. While at Johnson C. Smith, Dr. Greenfield became a founding member of NAFEO, the National Association for Equal Opportunity In Higher Education and remained a member until his death. The City of Charlotte benefitted by having a growing Johnson C. Smith University on its west side thanks to Dr. Greenfield's efforts.

After ten years of dedicated service at Johnson C. Smith, Dr. Greenfield accepted the position as President of Virginia State University, where he served from 1983 to 1988. During his presidency, the University experienced numerous academic strides. He instituted the expansion and renovation of the Hunter-McDaniel Science building as well as other academic buildings. Additionally, grant funds were secured for an agricultural research building. This vigorous initiative led to the revitalization of the Randolph Experimental Farm, which is located near the University's main campus. It is noted that one of Dr. Greenfield's proudest moments was bringing aquaculture (fish farming) to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Due to his legendary vision, VSU took the lead in Virginia as the pioneer in aquaculture. During his VSU tenure, Dr. Greenfield visited the White House under the Reagan and Bush Administrations to continue strategic initiatives to enhance higher education for minorities. In addition, Dr. Greenfield was named Educator of the Year in 1988 by the Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, a worldwide organization with more than 150,000 members.

Dr. Greenfield was born on July 18, 1933 in Seven Springs, North Carolina, and earned degrees from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State College in Greensboro and was the fifth African American in this country to earn a PhD in Cardiac Physiology from the