

homes in the Parade recently, it is still a great event that visitors have thoroughly enjoyed, thanks to Judy's hard work.

Even as the housing industry fell upon difficult times, Judy never lost her optimism, and showed compassion as people lost homes to foreclosure, and as builders had difficulty staying in business. In an interview with the Grand Rapids Press, Judy said, "The [homebuilding] industry will rebound. . . . I know it will be great again."

I wish Judy, and her husband Stan, the best of everything as they enter a new chapter in their lives. Judy has the wishes and blessings of many, many people who are grateful for her hard work and dedication, and also appreciate her contagious laughter and smile. Her hard work and personality will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE PAUL A. FINO

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker:

Judge Paul A. Fino, on June 16th, 2009, at the age of 95. Devoted husband of 70 years to Esther C. Fino. Beloved and dedicated father of Lucille A. DiMuro (Peter DiMuro) of Menlo Park, California and Paul A. Fino, Jr. (Kathleen Fino) of Bronxville, New York. Judge Fino was the proud grandfather of 3 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Judge Fino dedicated the majority of his life to public service. From 1943-1944 Assistant Attorney General of the State of New York (Bureau Chief of the Criminal Division of the Education Bureau); 1945-1950 New York State Senator (Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Affairs of the City of New York); 1950-1952 Commissioner for the Municipal Civil Service Commission; 1953-1968 United States Congressman (Member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Member of the House Banking & Currency Committee, Member of the Joint Committee on Defense Production; 1961-1968 Chairman of the Bronx Republican County Committee (County Leader), 1969-1972 Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York (First Department), 1973-1975 member of the law firm of Fino & Fino, PC.

During his lifetime Judge Fino was a member of The Knights of Columbus (Wakefield Council 2922), BPO Elks, USA (New Rochelle Lodge 756), U.S. Assoc. of Former Members of Congress (Life Member), Locust Point Yacht Club, Bronx County Bar Association, Royal Arcanum (Claremont Council), The American Justinian Society of Jurists, Association of Justices of the State Supreme Court, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, PEF Retirees, American Association of Retired Persons, Supreme Court Justices of the City of New York, Civil Service Employees Association, Order of Ahepa (Bronx Chapter No. 175), Retired Public Employees Association. Judge Fino was also the author of "My Life in Politics and Public Service," published in 1986.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY "REAL MEN COOK"

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Father's Day Real Men Cook, which takes place simultaneously in 10 leading cities throughout the nation, in the Bahamas, on the continent of Africa, in London and Paris, and of course in my Congressional District in Harlem, New York.

Founded by Kofi and Yvette Jackson Moyo in 1990, Real Men Cook has become the largest family celebration in the country, presented annually on Father's Day. Real Men Cook includes average dads and father figures, leading celebrities and elected officials, like Eddie and Gerald Levert, and Marc Morial, President of the National Urban League, and I have cooked, served and hosted Real Men Cook events. President Barack Obama as a United States Senator is among the thousands of men who have rolled up their sleeves and donned a Real Men Cook bandana, apron or chef's hat to make a difference and change the way Father's Day is celebrated for the benefit of others.

Today, Real Men Cook is the leading urban Father's Day experience. It is a food tasting family celebration featuring men volunteering to cook for and serve in their communities. Proceeds from ticket sales are enjoyed by partnering non-profit organizations throughout the ten cities. I am pleased to announce that the Real Men Cook event in my Congressional District will take place in the plaza of our historic Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Harlem State Office Building, featuring Iron Chef Dizzar and other renowned Harlem culinary artists. The proceeds raised from this event will benefit Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement, Inc.'s Computer Clubhouse for children ages 10 to 18, the New York City Mission Society and Real Men Cook Charities.

Madam Speaker, let me also thank and recognize our sponsors Mr. Willie Walker and the New York State Office of General Services; Lucile McEwen, President and CEO, HCCI; Affinity Health Plus; TD Bank; MACY's; and WBLs for continuing to make a difference for all of my constituents, especially our children and families struggling during these tough economic times.

Happy Father's Day to all of the participating fathers for giving up Father's Day pampering to make a difference, not only in my district, but throughout this nation and the world.

DIRECTING THE ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL TO PLACE A MARKER IN EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER WHICH ACKNOWLEDGES THE ROLE THAT SLAVE LABOR PLAYED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of House Concurrent Resolution 135, directing the Architect of the Capitol to place a marker in Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center which acknowledges the role that slave labor played in the construction of the United States Capitol. I commend my colleague, and fellow Congressional Black Caucus member JOHN LEWIS, for acknowledging the importance of this measure and presenting it before the House.

I feel strongly that the history of the African-American struggle must be taught and celebrated, even as we plan for our future. African-Americans performed the backbreaking work of quarrying the marble which surrounds us. Until recently, the history books failed to recognize that slaves provided many of the laborious construction tasks, such as masonry, carting, roofing, plastering, glazing, and sawing—which involved slaves stationed in pits from where, with a partner above ground, they would use a whipsaw to cut logs rolled over the pit. Labor wasn't solely for the adult males—slave women and children were used to mold clay in kilns.

In an article from the Associated Press, Sarah Jean Davidson, founder of the Association for the Preservation of North Little Rock, Arkansas African American History mentioned an important connection that this new marker affords. "We can say our ancestors helped build the Capitol so when we look at it, it's not 'your building, the majority', it's our building . . . It will be a connection not just for African-Americans, but for immigrants who come from all around the country. . . . Once they start feeling connected, then we are one," she said. In addition, the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center was named Emancipation Hall specifically to acknowledge the work of the slave laborers who built the Capitol and this marker provides a source for interested parties to learn about our history.

Madam Speaker, this measure is particularly important as it commemorates an under-appreciated aspect of America's history and I'm pleased to add my voice in support for this resolution. I will work diligently with my colleagues to ensure that this marker is created and maintains the ability to educate those who come in contact with it. This is a significant step in raising the profile and awareness of how African-American history is intertwined with the federal legislative body and I hope that this measure passes unanimously.