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'Flynns.

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