

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.

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.

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

to help schools maintain high-quality facilities that help students learn. I appreciate Chairman MILLER's commitment to work with me to ensure that we use some of this funding in support of our federal responsibility for federally-connected children. In my district, the schools in Harnett County and Cumberland County, as well as those in the rest of the state, are proud to be able to educate the sons and daughters of those who serve and protect our nation. However, the growth at Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process, threatens to overwhelm the school districts' already strained budgets as they work to make room for these students. We have a responsibility to help these schools, and I look forward to working with the chairman to support our military families.

Madam Chair, H.R. 3221 represents a significant investment in the future of our nation, and a historic commitment to our students and working families. I urge my colleagues in joining me in support of this legislation.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF 9/11

HON. BILL CASSIDY

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam Speaker, as we reflect upon the eighth anniversary of the September 11 attacks, the Americans who perished that day, the Americans who heard the call to arms and sacrificed themselves to defend our lives and liberty, the sacrifice of Americans who remain in the line of fire and their families, let us reaffirm our commitment to Never Forget.

Scott Rogers, a constituent from Baton Rouge, penned the following poem in 2001. It is a tribute to the searing legacy of that fateful day and the values that guarantee we will overcome it.

THE DAY LIBERTY CRIED

(By Scott Rogers)

It was just another Tuesday morn
As people went their way
The cars, the trains were bustling by
Another working day

Although diverse with many faces
These people shared one hue
They lived together with Liberty

Under the colors Red, White, and Blue
Liberty was the one thing they all shared
They nurtured Her in their heart
But little that morn did they realize,
That their world would be torn apart
Liberty was strong She stood proud
But on this fateful morn She cried
In horror She watched as evil attacked
And so many innocent people died
Liberty bowed Her head that day
For She felt somehow that She
Had allowed these acts to come to Her shores
To the great land of the free
But the evil that attacked Her
Could not begin to understand
That Liberty could not be destroyed
Nor our great love for this land
Those who tried to hurt Her
Could not break Her soul
And proudly we fought to rebuild what was
lost
Although heavy was our toll
Each brick that fell was carefully removed
Each victim we will always remember
And Liberty is there to remind us all
Each eleventh of September
We will never forget, we must not forget
Yes . . . Liberty did cry that day
But we will never stop pledging "In God We
Trust"
Because? . . . We love this U.S.A.