

President's Labor Day Message

On this Labor Day 2005, we pause to honor workers and their labor. It is workers who built this nation, not the stockholders. It is workers who defend this nation, not the privileged. It is workers who sustain our nation's economy, not the bankers and speculators.

Despite all of our nations' wealth and power, without Labor not a wheel would turn, not a building would rise, not a field would be fruitful. Labor generates the wealth of our nation. And Labor brings dignity to mankind. Absent Labor, there could be no wealth. And absent the dignity of Labor, there could be no civilized society.

So this Labor Day, in spite of those within our government and our institutions who malign Labor and seek its demise, we stand tall in honoring Labor's continuing contributions to society and the world in which we live.

I wish all BMWED members and their families a safe, enjoyable, and memorable Labor Day. By the sweat of your brow and your contributions to society, you have earned it and the respect of a nation.