

great Floridian, Sandy D'Alemberte. As it does for so many, his passing pains me both personally and for our state and country. Sandy was a voice for reason, the rule of law, decency and kindness—a “necessary man” for all his time and certainly for these times. It is enough to remember him as a brilliant legislator, president of the American Bar Association (ABA), Florida State University (FSU) president and Florida Constitutional scholar. And, much loved dean while I was at FSU College of Law. However, Sandy was indispensable in so many instances in Florida's history—both the big moments and some moments that most of his fellow Floridians might never know about but which were just as grand. One of the latter was his embrace of Jose Manuel Godinez-Samperio and his fight to be admitted to the Florida Bar. Jose graduated valedictorian of his class at Armwood High School in Hillsborough County, Fla. and went on to attend FSU College of Law. Jose made history when he graduated from FSU College of Law and passed the Florida Bar exam, but when he sought admittance to the Florida Bar as an undocumented immigrant, this great American Story almost came to an end. Sandy's belief in the law, fair play and young people caused him to take on this injustice. He brought together a team, including me, past presidents of the ABA, bipartisan members of the Florida Legislature and others, to successfully confront this quiet individual inequity just as he had taken on more large and public challenges for all of Florida. Like so many public officials, I can say that Sandy has helped make me a better representative for my neighbors in Tampa and throughout Florida. I sought his counsel for Florida's future as recently as last fall. The gracious efforts by Sandy on behalf of the small and the grand, and the foundation he has laid for the legal community, higher education, his state and his country will hopefully be of some solace to Patsy and his family.

COMMENDING 2019 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

**HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2019*

Ms. SPANBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 119 greater Richmond area high school seniors enlisting in the United States Armed Services after graduation. These students have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to academic excellence and public service. I am honored to offer my sincerest congratulations on this achievement and offer my best wishes for the years to come.

I commend the following graduates on their selflessness and bravery for choosing to serve their fellow Americans in the United States Armed Services: Caleb Alford, Jamaia Allen, Nya Banks, Ryan Beggs, David Benfield Jr., Andreas Biggers, Rosemary Brett, Kylie Cargill, Cayne Chartrand, Alexis Creighton, Tania Dawson, Jack Dewalt, Samantha Edwards, Jillian Engels, Keaton Fields, Joseph Franklin, Andrew Fulkerson, Jacob Gecsey, Maria Guevara, Tayauna Hargrove, Dylan Hicks, Kiara Holloway, Michael Humphrey,

Precious King, Elijah Knipp, Rogelio Macuno III, Michael Mays, Teshawn McDaniel, Jaeshaunda McIver, Christopher Meadows, Maurice Miles, Tatianna Montero, Perrion Neal, Jacob Parker, Ethan Parsons, Tristan Philyaw, Robert Post, Eric Rice, Jonathan Simpson, Yahsean Singleton, Marlon Spence, Trey Staub, Alexandra Stone, Larry Sutton Jr., Joshua Thomas, Matthew Vanderwerff, Nicholas Waldruff, Latrell Warren, Naziah Watson, Lianna Williams, Andrew Wood, Mark Wood Jr., Damen Banberger, William Barker, William Bizzell, Austin Bowen, Robert Brandon, Benjamin Brown, Emmanuel Cann, Alexis Costello, William Cunningham, Nicholas Curran, Robert Daniels, Probus Das, Kioana Edwards, Jackson Erley, Marcus Fuller-Collins, Sefan Garner, Patrick Goole, Ashley Gothreau, Gabriel Groseclosedurand, George Hall, Darius Harris, Arshina Hull, Ciera Johns, Connor Johnson, Francisco Johnson, Luis Kerby, Daiquan Lewis, Michael McCoy, Avery McKay, Shaqee Mills, Dylan Moore, David Price, Samuel Price, Duncan Proffitt, Forrest Rohde, Terrion Rollins, Derric Skinner, Nikolas Smith, Dante Staves, Trevor Sterrett, Timothy Thompson, Davion Tribbey, Seth Wassenberg, Austin Williams, Hunter Williams, Marcanthony Williams, Patrick Wilson, Jones Zion, Trevor Campbell, James Cappiello, Miguel Castillo-Padilla, Secoia Davis, Michael Edwards, Abigail Ford, Joseph Kamanda, Adam Lambert, Enrique Lopez, Sean McCracken, Lily Nicholson, Gabriel Reillyscheidt, Tylica Singleton, Ryan Snider, Roy Terrell, Adboul Bah, Zane Mangrum, Ethan Oliva, and John Smetek.

These students will be honored at the 4th Annual Greater Richmond area Our Community Salutes Ceremony on May 30th at Hermitage High School in Henrico, Virginia.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these young women and men for courageously deciding to serve their country. We are safer and stronger because of their choice to protect the values that make us uniquely American.

STANDING UP TO DIPG

**HON. JOE WILSON**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2019*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma or DIPG is a common form of pediatric brain cancer responsible for the majority of deaths in children with brain tumors annually. In honor of Olivia Mazzell, whose life was taken far too soon by DIPG, I am grateful to cosponsor House Resolution 114, which supports the designation of May 17th as ‘DIPG Awareness Day’ to raise awareness and encourage research into cures for DIPG and pediatric cancers in general.

I would also like to recognize her grandparents Angelo and Kathy Basile and parents Jonathan Mazzell and Heather Hielt of Lexington, South Carolina, for their efforts to create greater access to helpful medications. Working together we can have a meaningful conversation about strengthening medical research to address the needs of children with cancer.

We honor the life of Olivia Mazzell, commend the tireless work of her family to raise

awareness of DIPG, and gratefully encourage fellow Members of Congress to continue prioritizing medical research for childhood cancer.

INTRODUCTION OF THE REBUILD AMERICA ACT OF 2019

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2019*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I introduced the Rebuild America Act of 2019. This legislation makes much-needed investments in America's roads, bridges, and transit systems by raising the federal gasoline excise tax by five cents a year for the next five years, indexing it to inflation, and expressing Congress' intention to repeal and replace the gas tax with a more sustainable funding source.

The United States faces the largest infrastructure funding gap in the world. The sector with the greatest shortfall is surface transportation, which the American Society of Civil Engineers estimates needs more than \$1.1 trillion of investment by 2025. Worse, we are paying for 2019 infrastructure with 1993 dollars. Inflation and fuel efficiency improvements have reduced the gas tax's purchasing power by more than 40 percent since it was last raised in 1993.

Today, one in five miles of highway pavement is in poor condition, and damage due to rough roads costs the average motorist \$599 a year. Americans waste nearly 100 hours a year stuck in traffic and congestion, costing the U.S. economy \$305 billion annually—an average of \$1,445 per driver. These costs fall especially hard on low-income individuals, who can't afford the unexpected burden of a blown tire, hourly wages lost to congestion, or the steadily increasing cost of transportation.

Since 2010, 35 states with legislatures controlled by both parties have voted to raise the gas tax. American families pay far more from continued neglect than a gas tax increase. Inaction will cost families \$3,400 in annual disposable income by 2025, whereas a 25-cent gas tax increase costs the average driver less than \$3.00 a week and contributes nearly \$400 billion toward upgrading roads, bridges, and transit systems. Investment in American infrastructure is the jobs bill that our economy needs and the middle class deserves. Every \$1.3 billion in infrastructure investment adds 29,000 construction jobs, yields \$2 billion in economic growth, and reduces the federal deficit by \$200 million.

This legislation is expected to invest nearly \$400 billion in the next decade for surface transportation projects and deserves inclusion in a comprehensive infrastructure package that rebuilds and renews America.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. ARNIE WISHNICK

**HON. TED LIEU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2019*

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Mr. Arnie

Wishnick—a beloved husband, and Los Angeles community leader—who passed away on April 27, 2019 at the age of 76.

Arnie was born on September 7, 1942 in Chicago, Illinois to Ruth and Ben Wishnick, who immigrated to the United States from Poland. His career began in high school as a repairman for the Schick Razor Company. After college, he moved out west to join the emerging banking industry in Beverly Hills, eventually settling in Pacific Palisades.

In 1993, Arnie assumed the role of executive director of Pacific Palisades Chamber of Commerce, a position he held for 25 years. During those years, his extraordinary love and commitment to the community was evident from his dedicated organization of annual events like the Palisades Teen Contest, the Classic Auto Show and the Holiday Ho Ho Ho.

Arnie especially enjoyed coordinating celebrity appearances each year for the Fourth of July Palisades Americanism Parade. He also convinced stars such as Billy Crystal, Martin Short, and Steve Guttenberg to be Honorary Mayors of Pacific Palisades.

He was deeply involved in every aspect of the community. He was president of the Optimist Club of Pacific Palisades and an active member of both the Village Green Committee and PRIDE, two organizations designed to improve and enhance the aesthetics of Pacific Palisades. He was an honorary Rotarian and was recognized time and again for his service to the community, including with the Citizen of the Year, Sparkplug, and Pride of the Palisades awards.

Arnie loved the arts—he produced four musicals at Theatre Palisades and was a member of the Just Off Via Dance Troupe that performed at various community events. For a time, he even wrote movie reviews for the local newspaper.

Arnie is survived by his wife, Jackie; step children, Wendy and Daniel; their child, Bella; and his sister, Audrey. Arnie was always smiling, eager to chat and willing to help in any way he could. May Arnie's memory be a blessing to us all.

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER JAMES R. CURRY RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS OF NAVAL SERVICE**

**HON. PAUL COOK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2019*

Mr. COOK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement Chief Warrant Officer James R. Curry, who will be retiring after 30 years of active duty in the United States Navy.

Chief Warrant Officer Curry joined the Navy on August 28, 1989 as an Airman Recruit and completed Basic Recruit Training at Great Lakes, Illinois. His first assignment for as Naval Air Station North Island, where he served as a Plane Captain for Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Ten. Over the course of his career, Chief Warrant Officer Curry has served in support of numerous operations, including North Korean Contingency Operations, Operation Desert Strike, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following multiple deployments afloat with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Four and Helicopter Anti-

Submarine Squadron Six, Chief Warrant Officer Curry reported to NAVSUPFAC at Paxtunt River, Maryland, where he served as Command Duty Officer. His most rewarding and satisfying tour, however, was with Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 23, the "Wildcards", where he served as Avionics Division Officer and Armament Division Officer.

Chief Warrant Officer Curry has honorably served our nation for the last three decades, and it's thanks to people like him that our country remains free and secure. I congratulate him on an exemplary career, and wish him a happy retirement with his wife Tracy and his five children.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2019*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present during roll call vote number 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, and 202 on May 10, 2019. Had I been present, I would have voted: on roll call vote number 197, I would have voted "yes"; on roll call vote number 198, I would have voted "yes"; on roll call vote number 199, I would have voted "yes"; on roll call vote number 200, I would have voted "yes"; on roll call vote number 201, I would have voted "no"; and on roll call vote number 202, I would have voted "yes."

**STROKE AWARENESS MONTH**

**HON. JOYCE BEATTY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2019*

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize May as Stroke Awareness Month.

Stroke is the 5th leading cause of death and affects someone every 40 seconds in the U.S.

As a stroke survivor, I know the difficult road to recovery.

That's why I've reintroduced the Return to Work Awareness Act to help survivors of stroke and other serious illnesses get back into the workforce.

I invite my colleagues to join in cosponsoring the Return to Work Awareness Act, as well as my resolution recognizing Stroke Awareness Month.

But, we can do a lot more than just raise awareness, and I'm proud to say that House Democrats are delivering "For the People."

In the past few weeks, we passed a bill protecting health coverage for the 130 million Americans living with pre-existing conditions, including 6.5 million stroke survivors, and today we will debate legislation to strengthen the Affordable Care Act and lower drug costs.

Madam Speaker, let's continue delivering "For the People" in May and every other month.

**THE SECOND STAGE OF AOG HISTORY (1901–45)**

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 21, 2019*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to include in the RECORD part two of an article I submitted earlier this year by Keith J. Hamel honoring the 150th Anniversary of the West Point Association of Graduates:

"At the turn of the 20th century, the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy had been in existence for more than three decades. It began on May 22, 1869, when 15 graduates, acting upon an idea from Robert Anderson, Class of 1825, met in the office of Dr. Horace Webster, Class of 1818, and adopted articles and bylaws for the new organization. Article II of the Association's Constitution stated: "The object of this Association shall be to cherish the memories of the Military Academy at West Point, and to promote the social intercourse and fraternal fellowship of its graduates." According to Charles P. Echols, Class of 1891, the early years of the Association were dedicated to "little more than holding an annual meeting at West Point, collecting dues, and publishing an annual bulletin." Echols was generalizing, of course—in its early years, the Association moved Sylvanus Thayer's remains to the West Point Cemetery and memorialized him with a statue, and it built a memorial hall at West Point with funds left by George Cullum in his will—but in the first stage of its existence, the Association was hardly recognizable as the organization it would later become. That began to change during the Association of Graduates' second stage of evolution (1901–45), as changes to AOG's mission, governance, and operations signaled its desire to become more like a "modern" alumni association.

One year into that second stage, the membership of the Association was celebrated by President Theodore Roosevelt, who attended West Point's Centennial Exercises and said during his June 11, 1902 speech, "During [its first 100 years] no other educational institution in the land has contributed so many names as West Point has contributed to the honor roll of the nation's greatest citizens . . . The average graduate of West Point during these hundred years has given a greater sum of service to the country through his life than has the average graduate of any other institution in this broad land." A year earlier, almost as if in anticipation of Roosevelt's remarks, the Association's 1901 Annual Reunion included an "Index to Obituaries (1870–1900)," which contained 953 names of the president's "honor roll" and information on how to find biographies detailing each's "sum of service to the country." Also, with 1902 being the Centennial of West Point, some 350 members of the Long Gray Line were present to personally hear Roosevelt's tribute, more than triple the attendance of the previous highest annual meeting attendance (109 in 1883). During the Centennial Exercises, they also witnessed Lieutenant General John M. Schofield, Class of 1853 (Retired) and President of the Association, unveil a tablet commemorating the Academy's first century of existence. "Let us all pledge ourselves to our country, that the best efforts of our lives shall be to make the record of the second century even more memorable than that of the first," Schofield said in his brief remarks.

Despite the excitement and vigor inspired by West Point's Centennial Exercises, the Association of Graduates returned to a more