

She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin, followed by a master's degree in education from Hardin-Simmons University and a doctorate in education from the University of North Texas.

Prior to coming to Argyle ISD, Dr. Wright worked at San Angelo and Lewisville ISD's. She previously served as a math teacher, elementary and high school counselor, and as an assistant principal, before joining Argyle High School in 2000 as principal. After three years at the helm of AHS, she moved into district administration as an assistant superintendent, then interim superintendent before being named Argyle ISD Superintendent in 2009.

Under Dr. Wright's capable leadership, Argyle ISD added a pre-kindergarten program and implemented special education programming on all campuses. In addition, the Argyle ISD Police Department was created in 2013 to heighten security and now includes the addition of armed staff and the positioning of an officer on each campus.

Argyle ISD has seen tremendous growth, and Dr. Wright oversaw the transition from K-8 grades to Pre-K-12 and three successful bond packages to provide updates and renovations to the district's existing facilities, addition of new campuses, new school buses, and new technology and security systems. The district covers over 35 square miles and enrollment has increased from 1700 to 5000 students and 200 to more than 700 employees.

Dr. Wright has been a hands-on leader and has forged a strong partnership between students, parents, teachers and administrators to ensure the best possible educational experience and outcomes for AISD students. A consummate professional, she is known as a tremendous recruiter and developer-of educators, serving as a mentor to many whom have benefited from her wisdom and inspirational guidance. She has also served as an adjunct instructor at her alma mater UNT, preparing the next generation of teachers.

During her tenure, Argyle ISD has won twelve UIL Lone Star Cup awards, including a record setting 10 consecutive times. The Lone Star cup is awarded annually to only six high schools in the state based upon the accumulation of the largest number of UIL points with students competing in academics, fine arts and athletics. She has traveled across the region and state to support AISD students and teams as they've competed and won multiple state championships including UIL Academics, Girl's Basketball and Volleyball, Boy's Baseball, Football, and Golf, as well as Marching Band.

After 15 years as superintendent, Dr. Wright is retiring. It is my privilege to recognize the long and dedicated service that Dr. Telena Wright has tirelessly devoted to the children of Argyle ISD. I join the students, families, and staff in wishing her all the best in her retirement.

HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PIEDMONT AREA SOAP BOX DERBY

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Piedmont Area Soap Box

Derby on its 20th anniversary. Since June 27, 2003, Virginians have participated in this fun and family-friendly event that started as a 75th anniversary celebration of Rosson & Troilo, a family-owned and operated business. The inaugural race in Culpeper, Virginia began with a total of 35 drivers and was awarded "Outstanding New Race City" by the All-American World Championship Race.

In 2005, the Piedmont Area Soap Box Derby piloted the first-ever Junior Committee for a soap box derby. Members of the Junior Committee are between 13 and 21 years of age, and they take on the same responsibilities and goals as the adult committee. The Junior Committee operates as a mentorship program, providing members with leadership opportunities and allowing young derby drivers to learn from seasoned drivers in the community.

By 2007, the Piedmont Area Soap Box Derby was ranked "2nd largest derby in the world." In 2008, they claimed the title of "largest derby in the world." In 2009, with the help of the community through donations and volunteers, they began building a permanent track facility, the Paul Bates Raceway. Since 2003, Rosson & Troilo has made it possible for derby champions and their families to travel to Akron, Ohio for the All-American World Championship Race. Throughout the last 20 years, Piedmont Area Soap Box Derby drivers have brought home many awards, including five world championships—Brandon Feagan (2008), Sean Brown (2010), Gabrielle Beville (2011), Joey Kratochvil (2014), and Mason Breedon (2016).

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Piedmont Area Soap Box Derby for 20 years of providing Virginia with a wonderful event that promotes community, leadership, and encourages young and seasoned drivers towards success. I look forward to all that they accomplish in the years to come.

HONORING THE REMARKABLE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF GEORGE BONFE

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life and accomplishments of George Bonfe. George's unwavering can-do spirit was indeed an inspiration to us all. Despite suffering a spinal injury during an Army leave at the age of 21, which left him paralyzed from the waist down, George refused to let this obstacle define his life. Instead, he adopted three children, two of whom served in the military, one of whom even graduated from West Point. George's resilience was further demonstrated by his building of an airplane and becoming a pilot from his wheelchair, along with driving an automobile, boat, jet skis, snowmobile, and flying an ultralight. He also tirelessly sent care packages to deployed troops, including his adopted daughter. George was an active member of his community, participating in various military events and the Forest Lake Veterans Memorial. Additionally, he built a daycare, owned a liquor store, and engaged in numerous community service

activities. George made a lasting impact on those he met, often visiting the Forest Lake American Legion Post No. 225 with his daughter. He also attended many funerals of Minnesota fallen soldiers.

George Bonfe serves as a remarkable role model for everyone. Despite facing physical limitations, he never allowed them to hinder his success; his only obstacle was stairs, but somehow he always made it to the top. He dedicated himself to his loved ones, community, and fellow veterans, leaving a lasting impact on all those he touched. We are grateful for his service to our Nation and his incredible story that will continue inspiring future generations. May he rest in peace, knowing that his legacy will continue to positively impact the world.

THE WAR IN UKRAINE

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman of Temple Lev Tikvah, and are a reflection of his views:

The war in Ukraine hits close to home. I was a refugee the first four years of my life following my birth in Kazakhstan (USSR) in 1945, and my late father was a Russian soldier defending Leningrad and Moscow. My 102-year-old Israeli mom who died recently in Israel was a Ukrainian Holocaust survivor. My wife and I travelled in Ukraine with its vast Jewish past in 1991, where we lost so many family members during the Holocaust, including at Babi Yar. It is hard to fathom that the historic and beautiful landscape with a population yearning to be Western is being obliterated before our eyes.

These searing events—an invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces who obey the absolute authority of Russian President Vladimir Putin—are beyond shocking. Who would have imagined that once more, following WWII and the Holocaust, we would witness an eruption of such magnitude in the heart of Europe, with the evil design to seize a newly democratic nation of 40 million people in an ill-begotten scheme to restore the collapsed Soviet Union and/or revive the preceding Russian Imperial Empire? What is the impetus behind Putin's plot to charge forward with uncontrolled rage and reckless impunity despite a dire outcome for all?

Perhaps it is a case of over-confidence that he could literally get away with mass murder with little opposition from a world community, acceding to his past mischief in Chechnya, Georgia, Syria (Remember Aleppo!), Crimea and Donbas. He's gambled that his saber rattling with a nuclear arsenal would result in finger pointing while avoiding detrimental consequences to his megalomaniacal dream of reordering the world order through disorder with total disregard for human life and immense suffering for millions of young and old, who are now homeless refugees. He, whose family was personally impacted by the inhumane siege of Leningrad (St. Petersburg) in WWII, shows no mercy for a vast civilian population with close cultural and fraternal bonds that already had experienced Adolf Hitler's similar approach. Putin shows uncontrolled impulses of divine grandeur and sick grandiosity. The global community hopefully apprehensively watches, with the notable exception of the

Russians who are deprived of the truth, fed by their government's fake news.

Let us contemplate that Hitler could have been stopped early on if democratic nations had the common sense and necessary guts to confront him early. Jewish leaders appealed to Franklin D. Roosevelt, their sainted New Deal president, only to be turned away dismissively and misleadingly with false promises that all would be well, but first Nazi Germany had to be defeated. By the time the United States got involved it was too late for 6 million Jews—two-thirds of European Jewry and one-third of the total Jewish people, including a million and a half children, along with millions of others. Delayed response to fateful danger by democracies that tend to be slow and uncertain in decision-making and extra cautious about bloodletting of their own and others, turns ever costly with a commensurate rising price. It is humanity's tragic pitfall that dictators possess the nerve and verve to launch unprovoked attacks even as democracies become impotent at critical crossroads rather than calling for determined and quick action to avert monumental destruction.

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who ironically and instructively happens to be Jewish and lost relatives in the Holocaust, is pleading for his country's independent existence and survival through more aid and we should fully assist him. To claim that the United States and NATO members have limitations in doing so because the victim does not belong to NATO is immoral and short-sighted. I suggest that Ukraine's defeat would serve to hasten another colossal disaster for Europe and the democratic world, with Putin further emboldened to continue violating others more vulnerable than Ukraine, whose resistance to the onslaught is an exemplary response we can all be inspired by. Zelenskyy has emerged, despite being laughed at given his comedian's background, as a world statesman with Winston Churchill's heroic aura. The Jewish War Veterans of the United States designated Zelenskyy as Honorary Patron. The International Criminal Court (ICC) issued an arrest warrant for Putin. Let justice prevail with our indispensable help!

Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman is founder of Temple Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach.

HALT ALL LETHAL TRAFFICKING OF FENTANYL ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. VAL T. HOYLE

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 467) to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes:

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Chair, today I will vote in support of H.R. 467, the Halt All Lethal Trafficking of (HALT) Fentanyl Act. This legislation permanently classifies all fentanyl-related substances as Schedule I drugs under the Controlled Substances Act, and it allows for expedited research into these substances.

While H.R. 467 is not perfect, it takes needed steps to help save lives and reduce the supply and availability of illicitly manufactured fentanyl-related substances.

As President Biden has stated, placing fentanyl-related substances into Schedule I

will provide law enforcement with the resources they need to tackle the manufacturing and trafficking of fentanyl-related substances. It will also close loopholes that allow drug traffickers to evade the law by altering the chemical makeup of fentanyl.

In addition, H.R. 467's provisions to expand research into fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances will improve our understanding of these substances, including increasing the potential of finding more effective treatments for overdose victims.

But let me be clear: H.R. 467 is a blunt instrument—it does not do enough to comprehensively address the fentanyl crisis. Instead of working with congressional Democrats to put together a bipartisan bill to comprehensively tackle this crisis, the House Republican majority chose to write this bill in a partisan fashion.

As a result, H.R. 467 leaves out important solutions for addressing the fentanyl crisis, including expanding access to treatment, testing, and education. That's why I'm a cosponsor of H.R. 3375, the STOP Fentanyl Overdoses Act, a bipartisan bill to expand access to overdose reversal medications, like Narcan, and offer medication treatment for opioid use disorder (OUD) to incarcerated individuals to prevent relapses.

Most people who die from a fentanyl overdose don't know that what they're consuming could be life-threatening. That's why I'm a cosponsor of the bipartisan H.R. 3563, the Secure Testing Resources Instead of Prosecuting (STRIP) Act, which would allow for wider access to fentanyl test strips to help avoid preventable overdoses and deaths.

Tragically, fentanyl-related overdose deaths have impacted far too many families in my congressional district and across the country. Youth drug overdose deaths have more than doubled nationwide since 2019, and they have more than tripled in Oregon during that same time period. This is mainly due to the rapid spread of illicitly manufactured fentanyl.

One death by overdose is one too many.

We must be proactive in educating youth in our communities about the dangers of fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances. That's why I was proud to join Oregon's Congressional delegation in sending a letter urging the Department of Education to increase fentanyl awareness and drug-prevention education in schools.

If the Senate takes up H.R. 467, I encourage Senators to work in a bipartisan fashion to improve this bill and add more comprehensive solutions to address the fentanyl crisis.

Fentanyl overdoses do not fall on party lines. Neither should legislation to stop it. We must pass a bill into law as soon as possible in order to prevent more deaths from fentanyl overdose.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF THOSE WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE MEMORIAL DAY 2023

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize those who paid

the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the United States of America. On behalf of the United States Congress, and the constituents of the 23rd Congressional District, I am proud to recognize our brave soldiers' courage, sacrifice, and valor as we come together this Memorial Day.

All gave some, and some gave all. Memorial Day is not a 3-day weekend. Instead, it is the duty of a grateful Nation to pause and remember those who laid down their life so that we may live free. This is the greatest country on earth, and we are the only Nation that guarantees the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as the cornerstone of our foundation.

The Flag of the United States of America shows red, white, and blue. Blue symbolizes vigilance, perseverance, and justice—a reminder that we must remain watchful and strong. White reminds us to stay true to our values and ideals. Red represents valor in honor of the blood shed by those who have fought to protect our freedoms.

On Memorial Day we remember those we lost and honor the veterans who are with us today. America is the land of the free because it is the home of the brave. I am so humbled by the bravery and honor displayed by our men and women in uniform. Whether it be Memorial Day or any other day, please know that we as a Nation are grateful.

WELCOMING THE LSU LADY TIGERS

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, today I am proud to welcome the LSU Lady Tigers to our Nation's Capital.

They had an all-star season, which included bringing LSU's first basketball national title home to Louisiana and achieving the highest scoring championship game in women's NCAA history. This LSU women's basketball team exemplifies the true Louisiana spirit of resilience. They never counted themselves out or listened to naysayers, they worked hard, and they triumphed. Their teamwork, unity, and drive are remarkable.

I thank LaDazhia Williams, Jasmine Carson, Flau'jae Johnson, Sa'Myah Smith, Angel Reese, Emily Ward, Last-Tear Poa, Izzy Besselman, Alisa Williams, Amani Bartlett, Alexis Morris, Kateri Poole, Coach Mulkey, Coach Starkey, Coach Mitchell, Coach Redus, and the entire LSU Women's Basketball staff for bringing their team spirit, Louisiana's spirit, to the whole country.

I'm glad they are being exclusively honored in Washington, D.C. this week and receiving the recognition they deserve.

CONGRATULATING CARMEN ANA AND FELIX VEGA ON THEIR 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate my constituents, Mrs.