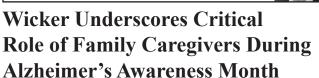
## THE WICKER REPORT

By: United States Senator Roger Wicker



Millions of Americans Provide Care to Loved Ones With Dementia

of Alzheimer's disease. We care themselves. know the disruption that its symptoms of progressive forgetfulness and confusion, 100 percent fatal.

however, is the profound Alzheimer's which families endure years twined. of additional costs or are

We are all too familiar forced to leave the workwith the debilitating effects force to provide the extra

#### **Billions of Hours Devoted to Care**

This month is an opporleading eventually to help- tunity to shine light on the lessness, can cause in daily devotion displayed day in lives, and the major chal- and day out by family carelenge we still face in finding givers, who often deal with a cure. Alzheimer's remains their own health issues as they try to take care of their Not to be overlooked, loved ones. According to the Association, impact that Alzheimer's there are more than 16 mildisease has on entire fami- lion caregivers in the United lies. Loved ones not only States who lend billions of have to bear painful wit- hours to those suffering from ness to their family mem- Alzheimer's or other demenber slipping away, but they tias. Fittingly, November is also often carry the weight recognized as both National of arranging assisted living Alzheimer's Disease Awareand special care. Alongside ness Month and National the serious emotional toll is Family Caregivers Month. a tough financial reality, in The two are closely inter-

In 2015, I authored the

Living With

**By John Rosemond** 

"EUREKA Act" to help accelerate federal efforts to treat and cure Alzheimer's disease. That law, which supports the development of prize competitions for research breakthroughs, is also aimed at helping caregivers. Earlier this year, a EUREKA competition was launched by the National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health calling on innovators to come up with technology-driven improvements in patient care.

#### Efforts to Strengthen **Caregiver Support** and Training

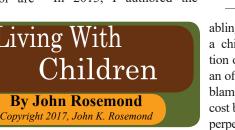
Lawmakers have followed the "EUREKA Act" with other legislative initiatives that focus on critical outreach to caregivers. One of these bills would support a nationwide infrastructure for understanding and treating Alzheimer's disease. That infrastructure would include new centers of excellence and state public health departments to help identify caregivers' unique needs. Another bill would encourage more comprehensive strategies for managing a patient's care over time as well as innovative ways to deliver caregiver support and

abling in which an adult helps a child construct a justification of one sort or another for an offense. The assignment of blame must be avoided at all cost because, theoretically, the perpetrator is as much a victim as the actual victim. He's wrestling with "issues," supposedly. Restorative justice offender-victim reconciliation – is the logical outgrowth of that counter-productive process. Mind you, restorative justice is the default approach even when the victim is a teacher. In the Brave New World of the American public school, teachers and students are equals and students rate their teachers based largely on how well they succeed at being liked.

Eventually, ideologies run recycling old ones under new nomenclature, and so it is with this supposedly cutting-edge approach to school discipline: it is nothing more than a new spin on the "I'm addition, parents and teach- tion. Concerning America's okay, you're okay" silliness ers – the latter, mostly – were public education system, that that took America by storm in the late 1960s. Combine of classroom discipline de- sider the following statement restorative justice with academic relativism – there being several equally correct ways to spell "alphabet," for example (red ink lowers "We are told we need to self-esteem, doncha know?) - and the inevitable result is ever-increasing classroom (and intellectual) anarchy.

> This explains why so many good teachers are now working in the private sector, where the meritocracy and common sense continue to prevail, albeit hanging on for dear life.

Family psychologist John



taxpayer-funded, obtained an excellent educa- da pertaining to punishment. tion that challenged my in-

were less than challenging classrooms. and often driven, it seemed, over the past forty years, that whom I've spoken of late: is – the discipline problems teachers are expected to deal 'understand their behavior' with have only gotten worse, and use 'restorative justice'

over that same time, teach- consequence should be given people who were once very ers have been slowly but for the behavior because it is surely stripped of permis- a 'teaching moment.' How sion to punish. According to do we get the education syseducational and psychologi- tem to realize that coddling cal ideologues, punishment kids is not the answer?" is demeaning, lowers selfesteem, leads invariably to stand" the circumstances and it is and does not. Research misbehavior is a form of en- com, parentguru.com.

For the record, I believe in done by social scientists who the concept of public (aka, possess an abundance of obgovern- jectivity - increasingly hard ment, "free") schools. I at- to find - contradicts all the tended public schools and politically-correct propagan-

In a nutshell, the best retellect and imparted a broad search finds that mild-tounderstanding of the world moderate punishment works and my place in it. I am for- far better than any alterever grateful to my teachers. native (rewarding, ignor-Some were more likeable ing, talking) at correcting than others, but they were all misbehavior; that the most dedicated to their craft and obedient kids are also the happiest; and that the high-I began having misgivings est student achievement is concerning public education associated with teachers who during my kids' school years. employ moderate criticism out of new ideas and begin The schools they attended and create teacher-centric

Characteristic of an ideby educational fad (e.g., out- ology-driven institution is a come-based education, open blind eye to facts that do not classrooms, new math). In affirm the ideology in quesbeginning to tell me stories description seems to fit. Conbacles of a sort that I never from a teacher, who echoes saw or even heard of when I the complaint of nearly evwas a student. Since then - ery public-school teacher to

to help a student through a The further problem is that bad behavior episode....NO

First, the attempt to "underresentment, and other things motives surrounding a child's Rosemond: johnrosemond. Happy

November 15 -Buford. Patty Branch Wigginton, Molly Ables, Mike Pierce, Jacob Ashley, Faizah Clark, Jennette Moore

November 16 Matt Meeks, Kathy Gilmore Killgore, Barbara Jordan, Crystal Belk, Melba Dean Davis, Daquaveion Cross, Marlee Tate

November 17 - Rose K. Cheatham, Jeffrey Jones, Jr., Sara N. Martin, Cynthia Marshall, Willie Gary, Joshlyn M. Winstead, Delaney Smith, Burton Atkinson, Cyndi Wallace

November 18 - Steve Newton, Deborah Bishop,

training. I am a cosponsor of both of these bills and hope to see their passage in the Senate soon. In the executive branch, training for caregivers has been a priority of both the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Administration for Community Living.

These efforts coincide with support for strong research funding. Congress was successful in increasing funding for Alzheimer's research this year, exceeding the \$2 billion in funding put forward as a goal by the "National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease."

# Happy Anniversary

November 15 - Daniel and Helen Wooten Amanda Carnathan, Darren and Martha Lloyd

November 16 - Robert and

Kathleen McKennie, Kristin Durff, Vegan Dilmore, David Dilmore, Harlee Grace Pierce, Lyndsey Amanda Bevill

November 19 - Betty Smith, Christy Randle, Dacey Jo F. Holland, Brenna Casey, Stephen Joe, Kamren Joe, Shay Alford Blaylock, Lexie Edwards, Janis Clayton, Kinley Killebrew

November 20 - James Edward Killebrew, Sophie Bilsky, Ashley Dixon, Dana

November 21 - Anna "Libby" Hill, Mollie Caldwell, Patrick Self, Fredrickia Jordan, Jimmy Montone, Nancy

Taking an aggressive approach to Alzheimer's care is necessary. Alzheimer's affects an estimated 5.7 million Americans. With Thanksgiving around the corner and the time this season affords us with our loved ones, it seems especially appropriate to extend our gratitude to the many people who are helping us in the fight against Alzheimer's. This includes not only researchers and health professionals but also family members and caregivers, whose constant love and compassion offer strength and hope amid heartbreaking circumstances.

November 17 - Roderick and Latoya Cox, Art and Wendy Sweeney, Shannon and Dee Dee Davis

November 18 - Donnie and Michele Holder

November 19 - Howard and Barbara Harrison

**November 21 - Chris and** Betsy Nelson

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Barrett, Johnny Allen, Mary Flowers, Donna Rogers, Jarvis Whiteside, Lanie Davis



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