Dear friends, ladies and gentlemen, I am greatly honoured to be among you today to pay tribute to the memory of your veterans of the Second World War. The French people will never forget the sacrifice of these brave soldiers who came from the USA and who died in France for our freedom. The memory of these men is forever engraved in our minds and in our hearts. You are the heirs of these men and you, like us, owe them an eternal gratitude. When we commemorate a soldier at his grave, the entire French nation is thanking you. As the proverb says, "We will never forget," I would now like to have a moment of silence to remember these men who gave their lives almost 67 years ago. (Pause) Thank you again for giving the French people their freedom.

Yours truly – Guy SARKISSIAN

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