

students, and encourage family involvement in the ongoing education of children. Mr. Scimeca has promoted these ideals with extraordinary leadership, professionalism and a vision to provide our children with the tools they will need to go out in the world and become valuable members of society and their community.

His efforts to bring together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials in a learning environment highlights his ability to impart comprehensive curriculums that stress the importance of education as part of the mission of the Catholic Church and the importance of community in shaping our young people.

While I know he will be missed after his departure later this year, I thank Mr. Scimeca for his selfless commitment to the education of our children, his outstanding contributions to the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge and the State of Louisiana, and extend to him our best wishes for continued success and happiness in all of his future endeavors.●

#### TRIBUTE TO CSM JOHN MCDONOUGH

● Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the service of Rhode Island's State CSM John McDonough. Command Sergeant Major McDonough is retiring after over 35 years serving the Rhode Island National Guard with honor and distinction, and I am proud to acknowledge his remarkable career today.

Command Sergeant Major McDonough first enlisted in the Rhode Island Army National Guard in 1976, and graduated with honors from basic combat and advanced individual training at Fort Sill in Oklahoma. He was then assigned as an artilleryman in Battery A, 1st Battalion, 103rd Field Artillery. He quickly became an invaluable member of the Guard's field artillery team and went on to serve in a variety of positions, including cannon crewman, assistant gunner, gunner, howitzer section chief, gunnery sergeant, intelligence sergeant, first sergeant, and operations sergeant major.

Over the years, Command Sergeant Major McDonough received numerous awards commending his superior service, and he was eventually selected to be the State command sergeant major, the highest noncommissioned rank in the Rhode Island National Guard. In this role, Command Sergeant Major McDonough represented all enlisted soldiers in command, and served as the principal enlisted adviser to the adjutant general. His commitment to enforcing standards fairly and improving the quality of life for his fellow enlisted Guardsmen made him a celebrated and valued member of the Rhode Island National Guard community.

I thank Command Sergeant Major McDonough for his dedication to the

Guard and to his comrades, a dedication he continues to demonstrate even in retirement. The command sergeant major has taken on a new endeavor to improve the lives of veterans as the director of Supportive Services for Operation Stand Down, an organization that works to combat homelessness among veterans and provide services to help struggling veterans get back on their feet.

Throughout his career in the Rhode Island National Guard, and with his continued service today, Command Sergeant Major McDonough has been an inspiration, advocate and role model for his fellow Guardsmen. I am proud to honor his life's work, and I again thank him for his outstanding commitment to serving our country and our military.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BRYAN ALMEIDA

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Bryan Almeida, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Bryan is a rising junior at the George Washington University. Currently, he is majoring in political communications and minoring in statistics. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Bryan for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO OLIVIA BARKET

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Olivia Barket, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Olivia is a rising junior at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL. Currently, she is majoring in finance. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Olivia for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO RYAN BASS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Ryan Bass, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Ryan is a rising junior at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Currently, he is studying mathematics and political science. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ryan for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MARJORIE BROFFMAN

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Marjorie Broffman, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Marjorie is a rising junior at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. Currently, Marjorie is double majoring in government and international politics and economics. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Marjorie for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO EILEEN CORKERY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Eileen Corkery, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Eileen is a rising junior at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. Currently, she is majoring in finance with a concentration in accounting. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Eileen for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO STEFAN DIAZ

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Stefan Diaz, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Stefan Diaz is a rising sophomore at Florida International University in Miami, FL. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Stefan for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JACOB DRUCKER

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Jacob Drucker, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my

staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Jacob is a rising sophomore at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA. Currently, he is studying economics and statistics. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jacob for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JOSE GAUDET

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Jose Gaudet, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Jose is a graduate of the Citadel and in 2010 enrolled in the Institute of World Politics, IWP, in Washington, DC, to receive a master's in international relations with a focus on the Middle East and South Asia. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jose for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KRYSTOFER HENRY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Krystofer Henry, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Krystofer is a rising sophomore at Brevard Community College in Florida. Currently, he is pursuing a degree in business administration with a minor in leadership. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Krystofer for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO STEPHANIE MENDY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Stephanie Mendy, a 2012 legal extern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Stephanie is a graduate of Florida International University in Miami, FL. Currently, Stephanie is in her third year of law school at American University in Washington, DC. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Stephanie

for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ALEX MIEHLS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Alex Miehl, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Alex is a graduate of University of Canton in Canton, OH. Alex also served Ohio as the vice chairman of the Ohio College Republican Federation. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Alex for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO COLIN MILON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Colin Milon, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Colin is a rising junior at the George Washington University in Washington, DC. Currently, he is majoring in political science and minoring in history. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Colin for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO AUDREY PARANKA

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Audrey Paranka, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Audrey is a rising junior at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Currently, Audrey is majoring in politics. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Audrey for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TATIANA PINO

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Tatiana Pino, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Tatiana is a rising junior at Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL.

Currently, she is majoring in international affairs and minoring in economics and psychology. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Tatiana for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MICHELLE STATON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Michelle Staton, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the people of the State of Florida.

Michelle is a senior at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, FL. Currently, she studies political science and international relations. She is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Michelle for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL VAZQUEZ

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Michael Vazquez, a 2012 intern in my Washington, DC, office for all of the hard work he has done for me, my staff and the people of the State of Florida.

Michael is a rising junior at Villanova University in Villanova, PA. Currently, he is a philosophy and humanities double major, enrolled in the Honors College. He is a dedicated and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Michael for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the presiding officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:39 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by