

and received important longevity benefits for its members. He then fought for survivor health insurance benefits for all Brookline's municipal employees, taking the fight to the voters and winning on a ballot initiative.

Frank would build on these achievements as his career progressed, improving the lives of thousands of public employees throughout New England. He secured numerous wage increases, obtained more paid sick leave time, and successfully negotiated the Agency Fee in Maine. In 2012, Frank was appointed as the executive director of Council 93 and as vice president to the AFSCME International Executive Board, where he has served since. It is a leadership position befitting his service and dedication.

On April 1, 2019, Frank will retire as AFSCME Council 93 executive director. Throughout my and Frank's years of service, I have had the privilege of working closely with him and am lucky enough to call him my friend. Frank is irreplaceable, but his successes have left the council strong and one of the most effective AFSCME affiliates in the Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO BRANDY BUNKLEY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Brandy Bunkley, the Union County Teacher of the Year from Union County High School in Lake Butler, FL.

Brandy has taught for 21 years and is the career specialist at Union County High School. Her dedication and support for students has been credited for the increasing graduation rate at the school.

Brandy believes that every voice has value and that every student matters. As a teacher, she works to ensure her students are developing clear and positive career paths for themselves and provides a caring and enthusiastic support system.

Throughout her time at Union County High School, she has put a high importance on the value of students' voices and as individuals by forming strong teaching relationships with her students. She has continuously proven that being an educator is deeply rooted in her core.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Brandy for her dedication to her students and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KAMILLE CHAPMAN

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to honor Kamille Chapman, the Lake County Teacher of the Year from Mount Dora Middle School in Mount Dora, FL.

After receiving this award, Kamille credited the relationships she builds with her students as one of the reasons for her success. She works with her students to improve their lives and considers improved academic results a

byproduct. When some students have behavioral issues, she invites them to have lunch with her instead of writing a referral, believing this to be an investment in their well-being.

Kamille's eighth grade geometry students score 21 percent higher than any other school in her district and they outperform their ninth and 10th grade peers. Ninety-three percent of her algebra students pass their end of course exam, an increase from the previous 50 percent passage rate 2 years ago. She originally returned to Mount Dora Middle School with the intention to retire in 2016 after first leaving in 1996. Instead, her students inspired her to continue teaching after being surrounded by positive influences that reminded her why she became a teacher.

Kamille earned her bachelor's degree in health education from the State University of New York Cortland and her master's degree in education from Florida State University. She has taught over a 32-year span in Houston, TX, and several schools throughout Lake County. She also worked as a curriculum specialist for math and science for middle and high schools in the county.

I express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kamille for all the fine work she has done throughout her career for her students and offer my best wishes on her future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO JUSTEN EARLY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Justen Early, the Hernando County Teacher of the Year from Nature Coast Technical High School in Brooksville, FL.

Justen's desire to become a teacher began when he first volunteered as a football coach at Central High School. He became invested in the success of his players, both on the football field and in the classroom. From this experience, he decided his next step would be to enter the classroom.

As a teacher, Justen seeks to build a camaraderie to make students feel they are a part of a community. He focuses on his students learning differences and encourages them to make teaching suggestions.

Justen attended Florida A&M University and currently teaches technology support classes. He serves as the co-offensive coordinator of the high school's football team. He has been with the school since 2014 and is grateful for his school's administration for providing him the opportunity to teach. Justen credits his success to his mother, grandmother, aunt, Mrs. Rosemarie Poluchowicz of the language arts department, and Coach Rudolph Story for their mentorship.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Justen for his dedication in helping his students succeed in life and offer my best wishes for his continued success in the coming years.●

TRIBUTE TO DONELLE EVENSEN

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Donelle Evensen, the Flagler County Teacher of the Year from Rymfire Elementary School in Palm Coast, FL.

After receiving this award, Donelle said, "It makes me feel like I may have accomplished what I've set out to do and that's increase student achievement and increase support for our teachers and make them feel like they're valued and are appreciated for what they do every day." She tries each day to plan different ways to inspire and excite students and teachers at her school.

Donelle previously spent 10 weeks backpacking through nine European countries with her husband. This experience served as a reminder of life back home and how we treat those around us and the true value of all lives. She has brought this reflection to her classroom to share with her students.

Donelle has been an educator for 13 years and currently is the literacy coach for kindergarten through sixth grade at her school. She earned her master's degree in elementary reading and literacy from Walden University in 2008 and her master's certification in educational leadership from Stetson University in 2017.

I express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Donelle for her devotion to her students and look forward to hearing of her continued success in her future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO ELISA HALL

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to recognize Elisa Hall, the Suwannee County Teacher of the Year from Suwannee County High School in Live Oak, FL.

Elisa is a Florida High Impact Teacher and was honored to receive this important recognition. In her classroom, she implemented the House System, which encourages friendly competitions, school spirit, and a comradery built by students who strive to help each other succeed. She collaborated with her fellow teachers, Emily Blackmon and Vanessa Menhennett, to create this system.

The House System consists of four houses named Diligence, Optimism, Generosity, and Sincerity, to spell out DOGS, in honor of the school's mascot, the Suwannee Bulldogs. The houses are mixed with students from ninth through twelfth grade and compete with one another to win the House Championship. Elisa's work with the House System is credited with increasing students' motivation to earn prizes through improved attendance, completion of assignments, positive behaviors, and teamwork.

A ninth grade English teacher at Suwannee County High School, Elisa has taught at the school since 2015. Through her positive experiences within the school district, she is dedicated

to giving back to others and working hard for her students.

I extend my best wishes to Elisa on receiving this award and look forward to hearing of her continued success in her future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO HEATHER RAWLINS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am honored to recognize Heather Rawlins, the Levy County Teacher of the Year from Chiefland Elementary School in Chiefland, FL.

Heather works closely with her colleagues in order to solve problems and coach them in the best teaching practices for students. She strives to continue her professional growth through instructional and educational leadership and earned several recognitions for her teaching abilities throughout her career.

Heather has taught for 10 years at various elementary schools throughout Florida and currently is a reading coach at Chiefland Elementary School, focusing on the iReady curriculum for her students. She also coaches teachers on the best practices for professional development in English Language Arts blocks.

Heather graduated summa-cum laude from Flagler College with two bachelor of arts degrees, elementary education—K-6—with ESOL endorsement and deaf education—K-12—in 2009. She also graduated summa-cum laude from Saint Leo University with her master of education degree, educational leadership in 2015.

I am thankful for the commitment Heather has given to her students and teachers throughout her career. I convey my best wishes to her on receiving this award and wish her continued success in the coming years.●

TRIBUTE TO JULIE WADE

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Julie Wade, the Columbia County Teacher of the Year from Eastside Elementary School in Lake City, FL.

Julie dedicates her time as a teacher to building relationships and trust with all of her students, even those considered the most difficult. She uses chess as an opportunity to reward and motivate her students and involves herself in various events throughout her school.

Julie's work with her students is credited to their scoring the second highest Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts scores in the school district and the highest Florida Standards Assessments for fourth grade math scores in the county last school year.

Julie has been a teacher for 8 years and currently teaches fourth grade at Eastside Elementary School. She has taught at the school for 3 years and sponsors the math bee. She is currently enrolled in a masters of education program.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Julie for her dedication to her students and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO JESSICA WATKINS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Jessica Watkins, the Nassau County Teacher of the Year from Yulee Elementary School in Yulee, FL.

Jessica builds relationships with her students and enjoys seeing them thrive in the classroom and after graduation. She cares for her students and believes they can rise to any challenge set before them.

Outside of her classroom, Jessica has dedicated her time to mentoring new teachers and interns. She also has served on her school district's reading curriculum building team, the writing professional development team, and the language arts/grammar building team, all in efforts to improve student outcomes in classrooms beyond her own.

Jessica is a fourth grade teacher at Yulee Elementary School, where she serves as the fourth grade chairperson, is on the school leadership team, and on the positive behavioral interventions and support team. She has spent 4 years teaching in Nassau County and 8 years overall in education.

I extend my best wishes and gratitude to Jessica for her dedication to her students and colleagues. I look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 596. An act to prohibit United States Government recognition of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over Crimea, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1404. An act to strengthen the United States response to Russian interference by providing transparency on the corruption of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

H.R. 1582. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies, to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1608. An act to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1617. An act to direct the Director of National Intelligence to submit intelligence assessments of the intentions of the political leadership of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1654. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 596. An act to prohibit United States Government recognition of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over Crimea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1404. An act to strengthen the United States response to Russian interference by providing transparency on the corruption of Russian President Vladimir Putin; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

H.R. 1582. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies, to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1608. An act to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1654. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-552. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's proposed fiscal year 2020 Budget and Performance Plan; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-553. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hiring Flexibility Under Professional Standards" (RIN0584-AE60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-554. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Dixon R. Smith, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-555. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual National Defense Stockpile Operations and Planning Report"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-556. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 on April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-557. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Reinvestment Act Regulations" (RIN3064-AE97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-558. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Depository Institution Management Interlocks