

Judy has been recognized twice by the Florida Department of Education as a High Impact Teacher due to her students' learning gains and has earned the Best and Brightest Florida Department of Education award for 3 consecutive years. She was voted by her supplemental educational services colleagues as the September 2018 Teacher of the Month.

I extend my best wishes and gratitude to Judy for her dedication to helping her students succeed in mathematics. I look forward to learning of her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO KAYLA PATTON

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Kayla Patton, the DeSoto County Teacher of the Year from West Elementary School in Arcadia City, FL.

Kayla says that the most challenging part of teaching is finding creative ways to motivate the uninterested students. However, this can lead to the most rewarding part of her job: watching a student realize they are able to do the work. Kayla implements a unique technique in her fourth grade writing class. She asks her students to translate what they see into words and then compose the visual objects into an essay.

Maintaining perseverance, self-criticism, innovation, and orderliness in work are Kayla's keys to success. She says that channeling her student's energy is what takes them from average to great.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Kayla for her dedication to her students and look forward to hearing of her continued good work in the coming years.●

TRIBUTE TO DERITA PINKARD

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Derita Pinkard, the Madison County Teacher of the Year from Madison County Central School in Madison, FL.

One of Derita's greatest joys as a teacher is the knowledge that she is helping to shape the next generation that will lead the Madison community, our State, Nation, and the world. By educating the youth, she hopes their decisions and dreams will positively affect communities in the future.

A seventh grade math teacher and math instructional coach, Derita has been a teacher for 32 years, and she does not plan to slow down. Derita is a patient educator, who likes to break down math problems for her students when they have trouble understanding the steps or formulas. She believes this approach is best suited to help them learn not only in her classroom, but also in their future classes.

Derita graduated from North Florida Junior College, earning an associate of arts degree before attending Valdosta State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree.

I offer my best wishes and gratitude to Derita for her dedication to teaching her students and look forward to hearing of her continued good work in the coming years.●

RECOGNIZING TWO PEAS CAFE

• Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, as chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I have the opportunity to highlight a unique small business every week. Small businesses serve local communities and contribute to our Nation's economy. This week, it is my honor to recognize Two Peas Cafe of LaBelle, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Two Peas Cafe was founded by childhood friends, Deborah Buchard Klemmer and Vicki Reynolds. Growing up together, Deborah and Vicki spent a number of years working at Deborah's grandmother Ella's restaurant. During that time, they saw firsthand the positive impact that the restaurant had on the community as well as its local and national fame, which included a feature on the Travel channel. After Ella's restaurant closed in March 2011, Deborah and Vicki were determined to carry on her legacy. In August 2013, the duo opened Two Peas Cafe, in honor of Ella's long-time description of them, with the goal of providing the next generation with the same quality service and community atmosphere they had grown up with.

Today, Two Peas Cafe not only continues to serve customers throughout southwest Florida, but also carries on the tradition of Ella's famous homemade pies and original southern-style recipes. With a reputation for good food and a friendly atmosphere, Two Peas Cafe is often packed with eager customers. Deborah and Vicki do not take sole credit for the success of the restaurant, however. They attribute their success to community support. When these two friends decided to open up their own cafe, their family, friends, and neighbors rallied behind them to get the restaurant up and running. By pooling their unique skills and resources, the LaBelle community not only contributed to the establishment of Two Peas Cafe, but also its success.

Considering their cafe a community establishment, Deborah and Vicki remain committed to fundraising, supporting, and participating in LaBelle area events. One example of this community commitment is Two Peas' annual support of Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. Not only do Deborah and Vicki organize a yearly team to raise money and participate in the event, but for the past 3 years Vicki has been one of the program co-ordinators. In this role, Vicki has been able to motivate friends, family, and Two Peas staff to join together for a great cause. At LaBelle's Relay for Life this past March, the Two Peas Cafe team raised more than \$20,000 and placed second in the event. Clearly,

small businesses like Two Peas Cafe are just as much a force of community service as they are of economic growth.

Deborah and Vicki exemplify the dedication to service that we all as Americans share. As successful entrepreneurs, they recognized that they were uniquely positioned to bring their community together for a great cause. I am honored to recognize Deborah, Vicki, and the entire team at Two Peas Cafe as the Senate Small Business of the Week. Companies like Two Peas Cafe make me proud to represent Florida, and I look forward to watching their continued growth and success.●

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOUNT WASHINGTON COG RAILWAY

• Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, today, on behalf of the New Hampshire congressional delegation, Senator MAGGIE HASSAN and Representatives ANN McLANE KUSTER and CHRIS PAPPAS, I wish to salute the Mount Washington Cog Railway on its 150th anniversary. Once hailed by famed showman P.T. Barnum as the "Second-Greatest Show on Earth," the Cog Railway remains an engineering marvel and a one-of-a-kind experience a full century and a half after its maiden voyage up New Hampshire's highest peak.

A railway summing 6,288-foot Mount Washington was first proposed by New Hampshire native Sylvester Marsh, a retired meatpacker who made a fortune working in Chicago. When he approached the New Hampshire State Legislature for a charter to build his cog-and-rack system, Marsh encountered some skepticism of his innovative design. Legend has it that one lawmaker remarked that Marsh "might as well build a railway to the moon." Marsh got his charter in 1858, and his system found a nickname, "The Railway to the Moon," that it proudly uses to this day.

Construction began in 1866 at the base of the mountain, and it took engineers and builders 3 years to complete the 3 1/4 mile track to the peak. It opened to fanfare on July 3, 1869, as the world's first mountain cog railway. One of its passengers that first summer was Ulysses S. Grant, who became the first U.S. President to visit Mount Washington. According to newspapers, the President was impressed with the safety and simplicity of the locomotive's air brake system.

The Cog Railway's locomotives embraced technology and ingenuity to push passenger cars up the track and slow their descent. The first locomotive, nicknamed "Old Peppersass" because of its likeness to a pepper sauce bottle, mounted a vertical boiler on twin trunnions in order to keep it upright as it climbed the steep grade. Old Peppersass was eventually replaced in the late 1800s by a fleet of more modern coal-powered steam locomotives, but it remains preserved and on display

at base station. Today, under the direction of current owner Wayne Presby, most locomotives are powered by state-of-the-art biodiesel technology. The new trains are faster, quieter, cleaner, and more efficient, but the Cog Railway still uses a couple of steam locomotives for those who want to experience the trip as it was years ago.

While the locomotives may change with the times, one feature of the Cog Railway has remained a constant: Personnel must maintain a resilient system capable of withstanding extreme and unpredictable weather. Winters come early and leave late atop the Northeast's highest peak, often burying the mountain in several feet of snow. Mount Washington is famous as the site of one of the fastest recorded wind speeds in history: 231 miles per hour in 1934. The Cog Railway weathers torrential rain, heavy snow, blustering winds, and even hurricanes. A severe hurricane battered the mountain in 1938 and destroyed Jacob's Ladder, a steep, curving trestle near the top of the mountain. It was quickly rebuilt with the help of Dartmouth College.

The White Mountains are a majestic site, and there are few better places to behold this beauty than the Mount Washington Cog Railway. It offers spectacular views and brings you to a summit where you can see up to five States and into Canada on a clear day. Moreover, riding the Cog Railway is an experience that ties riders to Sylvester Marsh and a century and a half of steam, steel, and many unforgettable memories.

On behalf of the people of New Hampshire, we ask our colleagues and all Americans to join us in congratulating the Mount Washington Cog Railway on 150 years of service and wishing its staff and many supporters all the best in the coming years.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 9:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 299. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).●

At 10:39 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3253. An act to provide for certain extensions with respect to the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

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-1657. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "24-Epibrassinolide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL 9993-15-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1658. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus Amyloliquefaciens Subspecies Plantarum Strain FZB42; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL 9994-90-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1659. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Management Division, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Single Family Housing Direct and Guaranteed Loan Programs" (RIN0575-AD13) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1660. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Robert B. Neller, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1661. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael G. Dana, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1662. A communication from the Chairman of the Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Appraisal Subcommittee's 2018 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1663. A communication from the Acting Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Single Issuer Exemption for Broker-Dealers" (RIN3235-AM47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1664. A communication from the Acting Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Timing Requirements for Filing Reports on Form N-Port" (RIN3235-AL42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1665. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Payday, Vehicle Title, and Certain High-Cost Installment Loans; Delay of Compliance Date; Correcting Amendments" (RIN3170-AA95) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1666. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area; Removal of Outdated Regulations" (RIN1024-AE46) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2019; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1667. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Illinois; Infrastructure SIP Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS; Interstate Transport" (FRL No. 9995-30-Region 5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1668. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Secretary of Commerce's investigation into the effects of imports of automobiles and certain automobile parts on the national security of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1669. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, a report relative to the views of the Department on H.R. 3151, the "Taxpayer First Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1670. A communication from the Chair, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "June 2019 Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1671. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Providing a Safe Harbor Under Section 164 for Certain Individuals Who Make a Payment to or for the Use of an Entity Described in Section 170(c) in Return for a State or Local Tax Credit" (Notice 2019-12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1672. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2019 Section 43 Inflation Adjustment" (Notice 2019-36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1673. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reference Price for Section 451 Credit for Production of Natural Gas from Marginal Wells During Taxable Years Beginning in Calendar Year 2018" (Notice 2019-37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1674. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2019 Marginal Production Rates" (Notice 2019-38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 13, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1675. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to