

university's foundations. He was steadfast in ensuring scholarships were available at numerous Florida institutions to help students attending college to use the opportunity to fulfill their dreams.

My wife Jeanette and I express our heartfelt condolences to his children and grandchildren on the loss of an important leader and great Floridian. May God bless his family during this time of sorrow.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SHERYL AVERY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Sheryl Avery, the Liberty County Teacher of the Year from Liberty County High School in Bristol, FL.

Sheryl believes that being a teacher means understanding her students will eventually become leaders of our society. Her lifelong goal is to seek opportunities to change the world, which she believes can be done from the classroom.

Sheryl believes that writing is an important skill. It is a skill that all students need to know, not just for school, but for when they join the workforce. She is a published author with three works in print and enjoys writing in her spare time.

Sheryl teaches English for ninth and tenth graders at Liberty County High School. She has worked as an educator for 21 years, with 19 years in the Liberty County School System. She earned her bachelor's degree in English and ESOL from Armstrong Atlantic State University, her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Georgia Southern University, and is currently studying for her doctorate degree in theology from South University.

I extend my best wishes to Sheryl on her more than two decades of teaching students. I look forward to hearing of her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KERRIANNE EDWARDS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Kerrianne Edwards, the Jackson County Teacher of the Year from Sneads Elementary School in Sneads, FL.

Kerrianne comes from a family of teachers. Her parents were teachers and played a pivotal role in encouraging her to make the profession her career. Kerrianne teaches at the same elementary school that she attended, and her classroom is located directly across from Sherry Faircloth, the same first grade teacher that taught her and her son. She considers Mrs. Faircloth an excellent role model and continues to teach her long after she was her student.

Kerrianne is a first grade teacher at Sneads Elementary School and has been a teacher for 28 years. She previously was a librarian, K-3 teacher, and a second grade teacher at Chat-

tahoochee Elementary School and was named its Teacher of the Year in 2000.

I offer my sincere gratitude to Kerrianne and look forward to hearing of her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TONIE GARCIA

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to recognize Tonie Garcia, the Glades County Teacher of the Year from West Glades School in LaBelle, FL.

Tonie knew she wanted to be a teacher from a young age, crediting God for placing a love for teaching in her heart. She brings a positive attitude and patience to her classroom each day, knowing that some of her students see her more than they see their parents.

Tonie considers it her job to love and cheer for her students, wipe away their tears, and open the doors of learning to them. She does not know what her students go through before coming to class each day, so she shows them kindness and instills in them a "never give up" attitude, no matter how challenging the day may be for them.

Tonie is a kindergarten teacher at West Glades School. She is a graduate of Palm Beach Atlantic University and credits its school of education and behavioral studies for preparing her to be a teacher. She previously taught in kindergarten classrooms at Frontier Elementary School and Jupiter Christian School.

I offer my sincere gratitude to Tonie and look forward to hearing of her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LESLIE HARN

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Leslie J. Harn, the Hendry County Teacher of the Year from Clewiston High School in Clewiston, FL.

Leslie's goal each day is to make his classroom one where students enjoy learning. He spends the school day helping students to better understand science and other challenges that life has thrown at them. Leslie credits his seventh grade science teacher, Mr. Bowdler, with having a huge impact on him and hopes to have the same effect on his students' lives.

Leslie's biggest inspiration for teaching comes from his faith and his family. His father was an orange grove manager, and his mother drove a school bus. Both instilled in him a strong work ethic and desire to help others whenever possible. In his family, three are educators, and the fourth is in college with plans to pursue education.

Leslie teaches biology at Clewiston High School and previously taught in Collier County. He and his wife are members of Caloosa Baptist Church and work to help families throughout the area.

I am grateful for Leslie's commitment to his students and extend my best wishes. I look forward to learning of his continued good work in his future endeavors.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MIRANDA HARWOOD

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Miranda Harwood, the Hillsborough County Teacher of the Year from Brooker Elementary School in Brandon, FL.

Miranda teaches fourth grade at Brooker Elementary School and considers this award the culmination of the educational career she began 14 years ago. Miranda wants her students to know that she cares about their education. Since she cannot know what burdens they are going through at home, she works to make sure school is a safe and caring place for them, whether they are in her classroom or with another teacher. She uses testing data to identify her students' strengths and weaknesses and builds her lesson plans to fit their individual needs.

Miranda uses humor and motivational activities to keep her students engaged throughout the school year. Her class votes on a Student of the Month and chooses rewards and consequences. She also hosts a Monday Math Club for her top students and afterschool sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays for those below their grade level on State exams or on the bubble between passing and not passing.

I offer my sincere gratitude to Miranda for her good work and dedication to her students. I look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO VINCENT MILLER

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to recognize Vincent Miller, the Polk County Teacher of the Year from Winter Haven High School in Winter Haven, FL.

Vincent believes as teachers enter their classrooms, they should ask themselves a few simple questions: What will they add to their students' lives? What class memories will students remember? How will they, themselves, be remembered by students?

He says teachers should be intentional with their approach to meeting students' needs, knowing students are more than just a score or a test; they are the future. Vincent credits his successes today to his former teachers for creating countless memories when he was a student. Being cast by one teacher for a school play changed his life, allowing him to travel the world and perform on cruise ships before becoming a teacher at his alma mater.

Vincent is a math teacher and the girls' basketball coach at Winter Haven High School. He also mentors students, provides afterschool tutoring lessons, hosts a back-to-school supplies event, and sponsors the Key Club and the Culture Club. Vincent holds a doctorate

degree in education from Lynn University and is an adjunct professor at Southeastern University.

I offer my sincere gratitude to Vincent for his commitment to teaching. I look forward to hearing of his continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO PAMELA MOSELEY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Pamela Moseley, the Lafayette County Teacher of the Year from Lafayette Elementary School in Mayo, FL.

Pamela was presented with this important recognition by Lafayette Elementary School's principal, Stephen Clark, and Superintendent Robby Edwards. They were accompanied by her husband, Ralee, and their three children, Lilli, Mallory, and Trevor. During these unprecedented times, Pamela's inspiration comes from her students, their reactions to connections, and their willingness to look for them.

Pamela's ability to adapt her education style to her students ensures they are able to learn at their personal pace. She is always there for her students, providing extra tutoring if they are having trouble learning new subjects.

Pamela has been a teacher for 17 years and has taught fifth grade at Lafayette Elementary School for the past 4 years.

I extend my best wishes to Pamela for her dedication to teaching and look forward to hearing of her continued good work in the years ahead.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SALLIE MURPHY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to recognize Sallie Murphy, the Gadsden County Teacher of the Year from Greensboro Elementary School in Quincy, FL.

Sallie always wanted to make a difference in the lives of children. If she is able to do that each day, it makes her want to come to school and work with a smile on her face. Her students describe her as a great teacher, and they appreciate her help in understanding what they are reading.

Sallie teaches third grade at Greensboro Elementary School. She is in her 7th year of teaching. Sallie's mother, Patsy, was also a teacher at the same school for 33 years and knew Sallie would be a great teacher.

I offer my sincere gratitude to Sallie for her dedication to her students. I look forward to hearing of her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MELISSA NELSON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to recognize Melissa Nelson, the St. Lucie County Teacher of the Year from Allapattah Flats K-8 in St. Lucie, FL.

Allapattah Flats principal Ana Rodriguez-Oronoz previously taught

Melissa as a student in her fifth grade class at White City Elementary School. Now, as a teacher herself, Principal Rodriguez-Oronoz noted that Melissa knows each of her students' unique strengths and understands her place in the classroom as their coach and mentor.

Melissa works with her students each day to complete their assignments and ensure they understand the topics covered. She tutors students during lunch and after school and provides them with incentives and rewards to celebrate their accomplishments, believing this helps to make her instructions more effective.

Melissa teaches eighth grade algebra at Allapattah Flats K-8 and previously worked as a data specialist. She is a graduate of St. Lucie Public Schools and has taught within the district since 2012.

I offer my sincere gratitude to Melissa for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing of her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SHANEIKA PRIDE

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to recognize Shaneika Pride, the Madison County Teacher of the Year from Madison County Central School in Madison, FL.

Shaneika values lifelong relationships with her students as an important part of her role as an educator, especially during distance learning through these unprecedented times. She enjoys the opportunity to connect with her students and looks forward to hearing of their successes after leaving her classroom.

Throughout Shaneika's educational career, she has mentored not only her students, but also first-year teachers and student-athletes by coaching volleyball. She relishes the chance to share her educational experiences with both students and new teachers.

Shaneika teaches fourth grade math and science at Madison County Central School and has been an educator for the past 15 years. Previously, she taught third grade for many years at her school before moving to the fourth grade.

I offer my sincere gratitude to Shaneika for her years of work teaching and coaching students and look forward to hearing of her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TARA WARD

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to recognize Tara Ward, the Franklin County Teacher of the Year from Apalachicola Bay Charter School in Apalachicola, FL.

Tara is the first teacher from Apalachicola Bay Charter School to be named Franklin County's Teacher of the Year. Tara began teaching in 2004 and spent a year of team-teaching fourth and fifth grade language arts

and history. For the past 14 years, she has taught sixth grade world history and eighth grade language arts.

Originally from Michigan, she had only planned to stay in Florida for 2 years to get teaching experience. Tara earned a bachelor's degree in education from Grove City College and briefly taught in Pennsylvania and Michigan. She and her husband Kevin and their three daughters reside in Apalachicola.

I extend my deepest gratitude to Tara for her years of dedication. I look forward to hearing of her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO TRIKIA WHITE

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Trikia White, the Leon County Teacher of the Year from Augusta Raa Middle School in Tallahassee, FL.

Trikia believes receiving this important recognition makes the long hours she spends grading assignments, preparing lesson plans, and helping students worth it. She enjoys seeing what her students can achieve after leaving her class.

Trikia makes sure each minute of class time is worthwhile to her students. She believes this is the only way for her to learn what they are capable of doing in her classroom, and it allows her to provide informal feedback to them.

Trikia's principal noted that she is always willing to support her students and fellow teachers each day, whether it is offering assistance in her content area or other needs. She works hard to make sure the school exceeds expectations throughout the school year.

Trikia teaches eighth grade language arts at Augusta Raa Middle School and has taught there for 6 of her 11 years as a teacher.

I extend my best wishes to Trikia and look forward to hearing of her continued good work in the years ahead.●

#### TRIBUTE TO NEAL ELLIOTT

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, I rise today to salute Neal Elliott for his many years of dedicated service and forward-looking leadership at the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, ACEEE. Neal will soon retire from his role as senior director for research, the capstone to a distinguished career at ACEEE that began in 1993. An internationally recognized expert on energy efficiency, he has helped slash energy waste in the United States. Neal leaves a legacy worthy of our praise and gratitude.

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