

Teacher of the Year from Lake Gibson High School in Lakeland, FL.

Natalie adopted a family management style for teaching by ensuring every student she encounters feels appreciated. She devotes herself to helping students understand her lesson plans and often stays late to ensure they are learning. Natalie is willing to fill any need for her students. Her colleagues see her dedication and emulate her techniques to mimic in their classes.

For the past 8 years, Natalie has taught Spanish classes at Lake Gibson High School. She translates information for students with Spanish-speaking parents to keep them informed of their progress in her class. Natalie also volunteers to sponsor her school's girls' lacrosse team, the Spanish Club, and the Foreign Language Club. She serves as a new teacher mentor for educators who have yet to teach in a classroom previously.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Natalie for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BONNIE POWELL

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Bonnie Powell, the Charlotte County Teacher of the Year from Lemon Bay High School in Englewood, FL.

Bonnie believes she holds the best job on her school's campus. Working with students gives her the honor of coaching them in reading, writing, and speaking. She knows these lifelong skills will apply to any subject they work on later throughout their lives.

In Bonnie's classes, she develops lesson plans that allow her students to explore perspectives, conduct research, and develop solutions to investigations they choose to study. Throughout the school year, she ensures they read, write, and discuss literature together in an atmosphere that offers the ability to learn from one another and be successful.

Bonnie is a graduate of Loyola University of New Orleans. She teaches Advanced Placement literature, freshman Advanced International Certificate of Education—AICE—English General Paper, and an Advanced Placement Seminar course at Lemon Bay High School, where she has taught since 1997. She also is the Creative Writing Club sponsor, an assistant for the Shout Out at the Bay poetry slam, and tutors students after school.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Bonnie for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ROYAL PRESTON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Royal Preston, the Okaloosa County Teacher of the Year from

Okaloosa Technical College in Fort Walton Beach, FL.

Royal believes this award celebrates more than just his work but all of the teachers at his school who spend their days going above and beyond to educate their students. He often joins colleagues in arriving early and staying late to tutor students, sponsor their clubs, and coach sports teams.

Throughout his career, Royal has led his colleagues, both locally and around the State, in training students to enter the building trades industry. Together, they ensure that when students leave their classes, they are prepared for real world work experience and success as they pursue their own American dreams.

Royal has taught career and technical education classes at Okaloosa Technical College for 30 years. He is a product of the Okaloosa County school system, graduating from Bay Area Vo-Tech School, the previous name of Okaloosa Technical College.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Royal for his commitment to his students. I look forward to hearing about his continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO HALEY SHURACK

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Haley Shurack, the Broward County Teacher of the Year from Tropical Elementary School in Plantation, FL.

Haley loves the impact she can impart on her students' everyday lives. Students come to her not speaking much, unable to tell her if they are hurt, how they feel, or if they are hungry. By the end of the school year, Haley says she has trouble getting them to stop talking. She credits her ability to get students to open up by building trusting and positive relationships with students and their families.

Haley's students inspire her each day and being a teacher is one of the greatest joys in her life. Her ability to boost her student's self-esteem and help them to grow is a testament to Haley's commitment.

Haley teaches deaf and hard of hearing preschoolers at Tropical Elementary School, where she has taught for 3 of her 5 years in education.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Haley for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SHERRI SKIPPER

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Sherri Skipper, the Washington County Teacher of the Year from Florida Panhandle Technical College in Santa Rosa Beach, FL.

Sherri works with students to develop their knowledge of computer concepts, how to change out hardware, and web development. She teaches these skills to familiarize her students with concepts that they will use in today's workforce.

Sherri also develops lesson plans for more advanced computer software usage, such as firewalls, networking, and ethical hacking. This consists of hacking computers, not for nefarious reasons, but to find weaknesses that can protect computer users through antivirus programming.

Sherri teaches applied information technology and applied cybersecurity programs at Florida Panhandle Technical College, where she has taught since 2012. She previously taught at Graceville High School and graduated from the University of West Florida with a bachelor's degree in business teacher education.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Sherri for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KELLY SMITH- WILLIAMS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Kelly Smith-Williams, the Manatee County Teacher of the Year from Lakewood Ranch High School in Bradenton, FL.

Kelly wanted to be a teacher from a young age. Her passion for teaching carried her through grade school, college, and her first job. Throughout her career, she has impacted countless students, with many staying in contact after leaving her classroom and crediting her for their success.

Kelly is a teacher in every sense of the word. She designs lesson plans that introduce her students to innovative online learning tools. She also devotes time to serving as their adviser on various academic boards, and during the Summer months, she works with students to keep them on track for their graduation.

Kelly teaches anatomy and physiology honors classes at Lakewood Ranch High School. She has been with the Manatee County School District for 7 years.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Kelly for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LITAMARIE STANTON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Litamarie Stanton, the Citrus County Teacher of the Year from Citrus High School in Inverness, FL.

From an early age, Lita wanted to help children and be a teacher. Lita designs her lesson plans to ensure her students have a successful and enjoyable high school experience. Teaching is not a job she takes for granted; she knows she can change lives. She also enjoys working with other teachers whose classroom she once sat in, finding it to be an incredible experience.

For the past 7 years, Lita has taught algebra I inclusion and honors to 9th and 10th grade students at Citrus High

School. Prior to that, she taught math at Inverness Middle School for 6 years. Lita is also involved in school activities, serving as homecoming and prom coordinator, leading the student government, varsity cheer coach, girls' tennis coach, and graduation coordinator.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Lita for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DAVID SWARTZFAGER

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize David Swartzfager, the Sumter County Teacher of the Year from South Sumter High School in Bushnell, FL.

David credits his mother for earning this recognition, noting she taught him just about everything there is to know about Future Farmers of America teaching. He considers himself honored to represent his school and the Sumter County community.

Prior to his teaching career, David served in the U.S. Army from 2009 through 2021, where he taught classes to soldiers and deployed to Afghanistan. Whether teaching students or members of our Armed Forces, David has always worked to ensure others are prepared for a successful future.

David has taught agriculture at South Sumter High School since 2020 and previously taught at East River High School, Crystal River High School, and University High School. He graduated from the University of Florida, earning his bachelor's degree in agricultural education and communication and master's degree in educational leadership. David is also a Future Farmers of America student adviser and the department chair.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to David for his commitment to his students and his Nation. I look forward to hearing about his continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY THEURER

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Kimberly Theurer, the Pasco County Teacher of the Year from Gulf High School in New Port Richey, FL.

Kim designs her lesson plans to be relevant and understandable for her students and ensures they clearly understand the day's subject material. Students not in Kim's class talk to her when passing through hallways. They find her to be supportive and understanding. Kim devotes her time to any student and tells them she believes a sense of humor, respect, and approaching every day as a new day are vital for finding success.

Kim teaches government, law, and sociology classes at Gulf High School, her alma mater. She has taught for 34 years, and although she had planned to

retire this year, her students asked that she put off her retirement plans for at least another year.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Kim for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO AUBURN KENDALL WALTON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Auburn Kendall Walton, the Holmes County Teacher of the Year from Ponce de Leon High School in Ponce de Leon, FL.

Kendall's colleagues describe her as the queen of algebra because of her tireless efforts in teaching the subject to her students. She works with each student, ensuring they can fully grasp math making her assignments enjoyable and easy to learn.

Kindall finds the most rewarding aspect of teaching to be when her students finally realize they understand the subject material and have confidence in their work. Through their work together during the school year, she believes they can achieve the goals they set for themselves by putting in the time and effort to learn.

For the past 8 years, Kendall has taught math at Ponce de Leon High School. Altogether, she has been a teacher for a decade.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Kendall for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO ADAM ZELE

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Adam Zele, the Pinellas County Teacher of the Year from Azalea Middle School in St. Petersburg, FL.

Adam devotes his time to educating his students by creating engaging, memorable class lessons. Due to his commitment, he is often the last to leave the school at the end of the day. Adam enjoys being a middle school teacher as he finds himself making a difference in the lives of his students.

Adam's greatest sense of satisfaction is when a student discovers something new. The excitement he sees when his students conquer a lesson confirms his passion for teaching. Many of his former students still visit him at school, sharing their academic experiences with him and seeking his guidance as they continue their education.

Adam teaches pre-algebra, algebra, and geometry classes at Azalea Middle School. He also is the school math department chairman, sponsors students for the Take Stock in Children Program, and invites new teachers to lunch before they begin working so they have a familiar face on campus. Adam graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, a master's degree in divinity, and a doc-

tor of philosophy degree in history and religion from Duke University.

I extend my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Adam for his commitment to his students. I look forward to hearing about his continued good work in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

CERTIFICATION THAT IT IS IN THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES TO EXTEND THE PARTIAL TERMINATION DATE SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (i)(1) OF SECTION 130(i) OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, BY 180 DAYS—PM 31

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Pursuant to subsection (i)(2) of section 130i of title 10, United States Code, I certify that it is in the national security interests of the United States to extend the partial termination date specified in subsection (i)(1) of section 130i of title 10, United States Code, by 180 days.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, November 14, 2023.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:59 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, 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. 593. An act to rename the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Hinesville, Georgia, as the "John Gibson, Dan James, William Sapp, and Frankie Smiley VA Clinic".

H.R. 786. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an additional place for holding court for the Pecos Division of the Western District of Texas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1105. An act to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1505. An act to modify the prohibition on recognition by United States courts of certain rights relating to certain marks, trade names, or commercial names.

H.R. 3506. An act to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 7, title 20, and title 43, United States Code, and to correct related technical errors.

H.R. 3571. An act to make technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 2, United States Code, title 50, United States Code, and