

for her respect to students, parents, staff, and the administration.

I am pleased to congratulate Kayla for receiving this important award and her commitment to teaching her students. I extend my best wishes to her and look forward to hearing of her continued success.●

TRIBUTE TO LINDSEY BORCHERDING

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Lindsey Borcharding, the Okeechobee County Teacher of the Year from Yearling Middle School in Okeechobee, FL.

Lindsey teaches seventh grade math at Yearling Middle School and said her students were really excited and supportive of her nomination. While accepting the award, Lindsey thanked the people who have supported and helped her throughout her teaching career, especially her students. Lindsey stated that none of this would be possible without the help of countless others, and she is grateful to be a part of the lives of her students and colleagues. She said it was an exciting and emotional moment and was incredibly honored to be named the winner.

I would like to congratulate Lindsey for her commitment to teaching her students throughout the years. I extend my best wishes to her and look forward to hearing of her continued success.●

TRIBUTE TO TESS BORENGASSER

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Tess Borengasser, the Indian River County Teacher of the Year from Glendale Elementary School in Vero Beach, FL.

Tess was honored with this award because of her dedication to not only providing her students with the best educational opportunities possible, but also because she strives to provide her new colleagues with ideas to teach their students as well. When these new teachers come to her school, she is a leading voice in helping them establish a successful curriculum for their students.

Tess's students know that, because of her motivation to encourage and educate, they have someone who is looking out for their best interests and will always be a voice they can rely on when needing help with their schoolwork. These students know Tess listens to their needs and will help them become successful in every way she can.

Tess was born in Houston, TX, and grew up in Vero Beach. She graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in special education. She currently leads Glendale Elementary School's second-grade team, teaches at the school's after-school program, and serves as a mentor for new teachers.

I am pleased to congratulate Tess for her dedication to teaching her students

over the years. I extend my best wishes to her and look forward to learning of her continued success in her future endeavors.●

TRIBUTE TO BONNIE BRESNYAN

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Bonnie Bresnyan, the Hillsborough County Teacher of the Year from Lewis Elementary School in Temple Terrace, FL.

After receiving the Teacher of the Year award, Bonnie said that those who want to make a difference, who want to shape the future, and who want the best for children are the people who teach. She knows these are the people who work in our schools.

Bonnie compares her classroom of kindergarten and first grade students to a beehive. She states that all the bees—her students—can and are expected to contribute in some way in making the class a success.

Bonnie has also done extensive training for other teachers within the district. According to her, we retain 95 percent of what we learn when we teach it to someone else. From her students to her colleagues, they all can attest that she has a simple message for them: Be the best you can be.

Bonnie has been a teacher for 31 years, with 20 of those years in Hillsborough County.

She currently serves Lewis Elementary School as a student education specialist. Some of her accomplishments include National Board Certification, 2006–2007 Ida S. Baker Distinguished Educator of the Year finalist, and 2002–2003 Teacher of the Year—Shaw Elementary/District Finalist. She also trains for the district, mentors new teachers at the University of South Florida, and teaches Sunday School.

I would like to extend my best wishes to Bonnie for her hard and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO REBECCA CASKEY

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am pleased to recognize Rebecca Caskey, the Citrus County Teacher of the Year from Citrus Springs Elementary School in Citrus Springs, FL.

Rebecca believes students need a curriculum that teaches skills such as self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship building, and responsible decision-making that will provide the tools to succeed in school, their future careers, and in life.

Rebecca is encouraged when she witnesses students authentically apply and communicate newly learned concepts and behaviors with peers in new constructs and environments. These opportunities motivate her to continue developing challenging, engaging, and rigorous learning experiences for children that leave a lasting impact into adulthood.

Rebecca has taught physical science, biology, environmental science, and

general math skills in secondary education and has provided guidance and counseling services in elementary education. She also provides therapeutic services to children in the private sector. Rebecca currently teaches K–5 with a self-made program titled SEEK UP, promoting Self-Esteem, Empathy, and Kindness by Unifying Peers. As a member of Citrus Springs Elementary School's administrative team, she serves in a leadership capacity by creating and executing decisions benefiting the advancement of the school's overall culture.

Rebecca holds a bachelor's degree in animal science, a master's degree in counseling, and has a license for mental health counseling from the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage, and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling. Throughout her 14 years in the educational system, she has worked at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

I would like to thank Rebecca for the good work she has done for her students over the years. I wish her the best and look forward to learning of her continued success in coming years.●

TRIBUTE TO TAMMY CHABOT

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Tammy Chabot, the Collier County Teacher of the Year from Gulf Coast High School in Naples, FL.

Fittingly, Tammy was notified of her Teacher of the Year award while she was teaching one of her classes. Her students and colleagues praise Tammy for her dedication to ensuring those who enter her classroom are able to achieve success and gain a better understanding of science.

Tammy also seeks to establish a relationship with her students' parents, with many congratulating her for winning this award. Outside of the classroom, Tammy and her colleagues note the importance of student involvement in clubs and activities.

Tammy teaches at Gulf Coast High School in the Science Department. She has served as a sponsor for her school's Girl Up! Club and was named a Discovery Education STEAM Award winner in 2016.

I extend my best wishes to Tammy for her hard work throughout the years and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the upcoming years.●

TRIBUTE TO LYNSEE DICKS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Lynsee Dicks, the Suwannee County Teacher of the Year from Branford Elementary School in Branford, FL.

Lynsee's former students say her passion, dedication and determination pushed them to the edge and then convinced them to jump in. This passion for learning motivates those around her to work hard in the classroom. Lynsee's determination has shown students how to persevere even when the challenge seemed overwhelming.