

in Monroe County. She previously taught at Key Largo School before coming to Coral Shores High School.

I am pleased to learn of all the hard work Beth has done for her students and extend my best wishes on her continued success in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DANIELLE SUMMERS

● Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, today I recognize Danielle Summers, the Liberty County Teacher of the Year from W. R. Tolar K-8 School in Bristol, FL, where she teaches elementary school.

Danielle received this important award because of her strong classroom management skills and hands-on, experiential approach to teaching foundational education standards. Besides teaching, she has served on the leadership team as the kindergarten grade level chair for 3 years and served as the grade level chair for first grade for the past 2 school years. Danielle has also been a cooperating teacher for both Flagler College and Chipola College, supervising and training three student-teacher interns in 3 of the past 4 school years.

Danielle has been teaching for 10 years. She has taught second grade for 1 year, kindergarten for 6 years, and is currently teaching first grade for the third year. Danielle has also served on the K-3 District evaluation subcommittee and the K-2 district writing committee for Liberty County.

I express my deep gratitude to Danielle for her desire to help her students learn in any way she can. I wish Danielle the best and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO KEITH NOLAN

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam President, today I would like to recognize a selfless young man of great character and tremendous determination, Keith Nolan of Frederick, MD.

Keith's passion for service and for this country has driven him to doggedly seek an opportunity to join the less than 1 percent of Americans with a disability who have served in our military. In his commitment to defend our Nation, as well as our values, he has pursued this issue with many levels of the Defense Department. Moreover, he has reached out to the Armed Services Committees in both Chambers of Congress and even approached the White House to seek opportunities for disabled Americans to serve in the ranks of the military. Keith is deaf and recognizes that he is quickly reaching the age limit to enlist. However, he is still committed to seeking change that could enable others, with similar disabilities, to contribute to the defense of our nation.

Keith Nolan is an inspiration to me and to those he has touched. I thank him for the example he sets and am hopeful that someday emerging military occupations might present oppor-

tunities for disabled Americans to serve their country proudly and with honor.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:25 p.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, without amendment:

S. 1282. An act to redesignate certain clinics of the Department of Veterans Affairs located in Montana.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1972. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to waive the requirement of certain veterans to make copayments for hospital care and medical services in the case of an error by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3642. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to improve the access to private health care for veterans who are survivors of military sexual trauma.

H.R. 3663. An act to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Huntington, West Virginia, as the Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center.

H.R. 3832. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for access by Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers to State prescription drug monitoring programs.

H.R. 3946. An act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Statesboro, Georgia, the "Ray Hendrix Veterans Clinic".

H.R. 4245. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress certain documents relating to the Electronic Health Record Modernization Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 4334. An act to provide for certain reporting requirements relating to medical care for women veterans provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and through contracts entered into by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with non-Department medical providers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4451. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a five-year extension to the homeless veterans reintegration programs and to provide clarification regarding eligibility for services under such programs.

H.R. 4830. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the disapproval of any course of education for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs unless the educational institution providing the course permits individuals to attend or participate in courses pending payment by Department, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4958. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2018, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5044. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the treatment of certain surviving spouses under the contracting goals and preferences of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

H.R. 5215. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prohibit employees found to

have knowingly misused Department of Veterans Affairs purchase cards from serving as purchase card holders or approving officials.

H.R. 5418. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Medical Surgical Prime Vendor program using multiple prime vendors.

The message also announced that pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2081, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission: Mr. HOLDING of North Carolina.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term ending on May 14, 2020: Ms. Kristina Arriaga of Alexandria, Virginia.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 3 of the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act (Public Law 114-244), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children: Ms. Gloria O'Neill of Anchorage, Alaska, Ms. Lisa Johnson Billy of Lindsay, Oklahoma, and Ms. Elizabeth Morris of Hillsboro, North Dakota.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 4 of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Public Law 114-196), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mr. HOLDING of North Carolina.

At 6:08 p.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, without amendment:

S. 2155. An act to promote economic growth, provide tailored regulatory relief, and enhance consumer protections, 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. 1972. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to waive the requirement of certain veterans to make copayments for hospital care and medical services in the case of an error by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3642. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to improve the access to private health care for veterans who are survivors of military sexual trauma; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.