

to giving back to others and working hard for her students.

I extend my best wishes to Elisa on receiving this award and look forward to hearing of her continued success in her future endeavors.●

#### TRIBUTE TO HEATHER RAWLINS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I am honored to recognize Heather Rawlins, the Levy County Teacher of the Year from Chiefland Elementary School in Chiefland, FL.

Heather works closely with her colleagues in order to solve problems and coach them in the best teaching practices for students. She strives to continue her professional growth through instructional and educational leadership and earned several recognitions for her teaching abilities throughout her career.

Heather has taught for 10 years at various elementary schools throughout Florida and currently is a reading coach at Chiefland Elementary School, focusing on the iReady curriculum for her students. She also coaches teachers on the best practices for professional development in English Language Arts blocks.

Heather graduated summa-cum laude from Flagler College with two bachelor of arts degrees, elementary education—K-6—with ESOL endorsement and deaf education—K-12—in 2009. She also graduated summa-cum laude from Saint Leo University with her master of education degree, educational leadership in 2015.

I am thankful for the commitment Heather has given to her students and teachers throughout her career. I convey my best wishes to her on receiving this award and wish her continued success in the coming years.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JULIE WADE

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Julie Wade, the Columbia County Teacher of the Year from Eastside Elementary School in Lake City, FL.

Julie dedicates her time as a teacher to building relationships and trust with all of her students, even those considered the most difficult. She uses chess as an opportunity to reward and motivate her students and involves herself in various events throughout her school.

Julie's work with her students is credited to their scoring the second highest Florida Standards Assessments English Language Arts scores in the school district and the highest Florida Standards Assessments for fourth grade math scores in the county last school year.

Julie has been a teacher for 8 years and currently teaches fourth grade at Eastside Elementary School. She has taught at the school for 3 years and sponsors the math bee. She is currently enrolled in a masters of education program.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Julie for her dedication to her students and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JESSICA WATKINS

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Jessica Watkins, the Nassau County Teacher of the Year from Yulee Elementary School in Yulee, FL.

Jessica builds relationships with her students and enjoys seeing them thrive in the classroom and after graduation. She cares for her students and believes they can rise to any challenge set before them.

Outside of her classroom, Jessica has dedicated her time to mentoring new teachers and interns. She also has served on her school district's reading curriculum building team, the writing professional development team, and the language arts/grammar building team, all in efforts to improve student outcomes in classrooms beyond her own.

Jessica is a fourth grade teacher at Yulee Elementary School, where she serves as the fourth grade chairperson, is on the school leadership team, and on the positive behavioral interventions and support team. She has spent 4 years teaching in Nassau County and 8 years overall in education.

I extend my best wishes and gratitude to Jessica for her dedication to her students and colleagues. I look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 596. An act to prohibit United States Government recognition of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over Crimea, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1404. An act to strengthen the United States response to Russian interference by providing transparency on the corruption of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

H.R. 1582. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies, to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1608. An act to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1617. An act to direct the Director of National Intelligence to submit intelligence assessments of the intentions of the political leadership of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1654. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, 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. 596. An act to prohibit United States Government recognition of the Russian Federation's claim of sovereignty over Crimea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1404. An act to strengthen the United States response to Russian interference by providing transparency on the corruption of Russian President Vladimir Putin; to the Select Committee on Intelligence.

H.R. 1582. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies, to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1608. An act to amend the Federal Advisory Committee Act to increase the transparency of Federal advisory committees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1654. An act to amend title 44, United States Code, to modernize the Federal Register, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

#### 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-552. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's proposed fiscal year 2020 Budget and Performance Plan; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-553. A communication from the Chief of the Planning and Regulatory Affairs Branch, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hiring Flexibility Under Professional Standards" (RIN0584-AE60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 8, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-554. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Dixon R. Smith, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-555. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Sustainment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual National Defense Stockpile Operations and Planning Report"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-556. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Somalia that was declared in Executive Order 13536 on April 12, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-557. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Reinvestment Act Regulations" (RIN3064-AE97) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 11, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-558. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Depository Institution Management Interlocks