TRIBUTE TO LARRY GAMMON

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, today I would like to recognize the retirement of Mr. Larry Gammon of Bedford, NH, after 47 years of service to Easterseals.

Larry started his career with Easterseals New Hampshire in 1971, serving as the facilities director and helping out with everything from teaching to driving the bus.

In 1985, Larry was named president and CEO of Easterseals New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine and, for the past 33 years, has overseen the programs and services offered to individuals who experience disabilities in these states.

Under Larry’s leadership, Easterseals has grown to offer 13 core programs, including child development centers, a family resource center, child and family services, early supports and services, autism services, residential and educational services, special transit, camps and camps, school-based services, workforce development, military and veterans services, senior services, substance misuse treatments, and oral health services. The organization serves more than 32,000 clients annually with having a strong community-based service.

Larry has also done incredible work lending his expertise and extraordinary kindness and energy as an active member of the Queen City Rotary Club, the mayor’s task force on human services, the NH State Rehabilitation Advisory Council, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Assembly of Overseers, and YMCA task force on accessibility.

TRIBUTE TO LINDSAY BEAM

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Lindsay Beam, the Calhoun County Teacher of the Year from Blountstown Middle School in Blountstown, FL.

Lindsay considers her highest priority as an educator is to serve the needs of her students. She will arrange meetings with them before school and during her planning time to provide extra tutoring and support to build up their confidence in math. Her students note she is the kind of teacher that makes a difference in their lives long after they have completed her class.

Lindsay began her teaching career in 2010 as a first grade teacher at Blountstown Elementary School and moved to teaching fifth grade in 2012. Since 2015, she has taught sixth grade math, as well as a portion of eighth graders at Blountstown Middle School.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Lindsay for her work to teach her students and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING PEET SHOE DRYER, INC.

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is my privilege to recognize an Idaho small business that exemplifies creativity, hard work, and dedication to improving the community. The small business I am honoring today is a shining example of the many Idaho businesses that are led by innovative individuals who are not afraid to harness creativity to bring new and innovative ideas to market. In honor of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s National Small Business Week, it is my pleasure to name PEET Shoe Dryer, Inc., of St. Maries, ID, as the Senate Small Business of the Day.

Founded in 1968 in the heart of one of the most beautiful locales in the United States, PEET Shoe Dryer has been a supporter of American outdoor enthusiasts for the last 50 years. Searching for a quicker way to dry his own personal use. Soon, however, his friends and family began requesting shoe dryers for themselves. Realizing the demand for his new invention, Gene opened PEET Shoe Dryer and began selling his product.

Starting from humble beginnings, Gene and his son Blair began building their shoe dryers in the kitchen of their family home. Gene’s first customers were loggers and hunters in the local St. Maries area, who depend on having dry and comfortable shoes for their workday. Not having enough money for advertising, Gene simply relied on the quality of his product and satisfaction of his customers to help spread the word for his new invention; and as word spread, Gene’s enterprise quickly grew into a thriving business.

Today, PEET Shoe Dryer, now run by Gene’s son Blair Peet, continues to succeed. They have improved the manufacturing of their products and added dryers, as well as expanded their offerings. Serving millions of customers over the years, PEET Shoe Dryer has never compromised on its commitment to quality and service.

Danielle was humbled to receive this award as she believes teaching is a highly rewarding profession. She focuses on motivating her students to learn and promotes a good work ethic in her classroom. She considers this to be an important attribute for a student’s success in school and in life.

Danielle develops a lesson plan and goal that her students are comfortable organizing these plans depending on a student’s individual needs. This ensures each student has an opportunity to grow in