TRIBUTE TO DANNY ERB

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Danny Erb, the St. Johns County Teacher of the Year from Pedro Menendez High School in St. Augustine, FL.

Danny enjoys teaching math, where he works hard to ensure that his students develop confidence in their problem-solving ability. He attempts to make math fun and empowers his students to think outside the box. Danny has taught at Pedro Menendez High School since 2015. He earned his master's degree in mechanical engineering from Pennsylvania State University. He taught at Green Run High School for four years after moving back to his hometown of Virginia Beach in 2001. He moved to Florida in pursuit of a career as an engineer with NASA, knowing he would never regret taking the opportunity. The experience is used as a reminder for his students to pursue their dreams.

I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to Danny for his tireless work to help his students. I look forward to hearing of his continued good work in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO ANDREA GREEN

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Andrea Green, the Charlotte County Teacher of the Year from Lemon Bay High School in Englewood, FL.

Andrea credits her success in education to collaboration with her past and present colleagues and in support of her extended family, friends. Her professional goal is to help all students find success in science and cultivate an appreciation for knowledge learned through their educational careers.

Outside of her classroom, Andrea sponsors the school’s environmental club, where interested students gather to discuss environmental issues affecting Florida. She is also a member of the Lemon Bay Literacy Council and an active participant in the school’s science professional learning community.

Andrea has taught in Charlotte County Public Schools since 1999. She teaches Advanced Placement environmental science, honors anatomy and physiology, and environmental science. She received her master’s degree in global sustainability from the University of South Florida.

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

TRIBUTE TO JADE OSECOLA

Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Jade Osceola, the Glades County Teacher of the Year from Penney Emahak School in Okeechobee, FL. Penney Emahak means “Our Way” in Creek, the native tongue of Florida’s Seminole Indian Tribe.

Jade strives to teach her students about their identity as Native Americans and encourages them to practice communicating with each other in the Muscogee “Creek” language. She knows her students want to understand their heritage, and she believes learning about their ancestors’ native language is a key to that understanding. She works each day to help preserve the Seminole Tribe of Florida’s cultures and traditions.