

Judy has been recognized twice by the Florida Department of Education as a High Impact Teacher due to her students' learning gains and has earned the Best and Brightest Florida Department of Education award for 3 consecutive years. She was voted by her supplemental educational services colleagues as the September 2018 Teacher of the Month.

I extend my best wishes and gratitude to Judy for her dedication to helping her students succeed in mathematics. I look forward to learning of her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO KAYLA PATTON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I recognize Kayla Patton, the DeSoto County Teacher of the Year from West Elementary School in Arcadia City, FL.

Kayla says that the most challenging part of teaching is finding creative ways to motivate the uninterested students. However, this can lead to the most rewarding part of her job: watching a student realize they are able to do the work. Kayla implements a unique technique in her fourth grade writing class. She asks her students to translate what they see into words and then compose the visual objects into an essay.

Maintaining perseverance, self-criticism, innovation, and orderliness in work are Kayla's keys to success. She says that channeling her student's energy is what takes them from average to great.

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to Kayla for her dedication to her students and look forward to hearing of her continued good work in the coming years.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DERITA PINKARD

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today I honor Derita Pinkard, the Madison County Teacher of the Year from Madison County Central School in Madison, FL.

One of Derita's greatest joys as a teacher is the knowledge that she is helping to shape the next generation that will lead the Madison community, our State, Nation, and the world. By educating the youth, she hopes their decisions and dreams will positively affect communities in the future.

A seventh grade math teacher and math instructional coach, Derita has been a teacher for 32 years, and she does not plan to slow down. Derita is a patient educator, who likes to break down math problems for her students when they have trouble understanding the steps or formulas. She believes this approach is best suited to help them learn not only in her classroom, but also in their future classes.

Derita graduated from North Florida Junior College, earning an associate of arts degree before attending Valdosta State University, where she earned her bachelor's degree.

I offer my best wishes and gratitude to Derita for her dedication to teaching her students and look forward to hearing of her continued good work in the coming years.●

#### RECOGNIZING TWO PEAS CAFE

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, as chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I have the opportunity to highlight a unique small business every week. Small businesses serve local communities and contribute to our Nation's economy. This week, it is my honor to recognize Two Peas Cafe of LaBelle, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Two Peas Cafe was founded by childhood friends, Deborah Buchard Klemmer and Vicki Reynolds. Growing up together, Deborah and Vicki spent a number of years working at Deborah's grandmother Ella's restaurant. During that time, they saw firsthand the positive impact that the restaurant had on the community as well as its local and national fame, which included a feature on the Travel channel. After Ella's restaurant closed in March 2011, Deborah and Vicki were determined to carry on her legacy. In August 2013, the duo opened Two Peas Cafe, in honor of Ella's long-time description of them, with the goal of providing the next generation with the same quality service and community atmosphere they had grown up with.

Today, Two Peas Cafe not only continues to serve customers throughout southwest Florida, but also carries on the tradition of Ella's famous homemade pies and original southern-style recipes. With a reputation for good food and a friendly atmosphere, Two Peas Cafe is often packed with eager customers. Deborah and Vicki do not take sole credit for the success of the restaurant, however. They attribute their success to community support. When these two friends decided to open up their own cafe, their family, friends, and neighbors rallied behind them to get the restaurant up and running. By pooling their unique skills and resources, the LaBelle community not only contributed to the establishment of Two Peas Cafe, but also its success.

Considering their cafe a community establishment, Deborah and Vicki remain committed to fundraising, supporting, and participating in LaBelle area events. One example of this community commitment is Two Peas' annual support of Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. Not only do Deborah and Vicki organize a yearly team to raise money and participate in the event, but for the past 3 years Vicki has been one of the program coordinators. In this role, Vicki has been able to motivate friends, family, and Two Peas staff to join together for a great cause. At LaBelle's Relay for Life this past March, the Two Peas Cafe team raised more than \$20,000 and placed second in the event. Clearly,

small businesses like Two Peas Cafe are just as much a force of community service as they are of economic growth.

Deborah and Vicki exemplify the dedication to service that we all as Americans share. As successful entrepreneurs, they recognized that they were uniquely positioned to bring their community together for a great cause. I am honored to recognize Deborah, Vicki, and the entire team at Two Peas Cafe as the Senate Small Business of the Week. Companies like Two Peas Cafe make me proud to represent Florida, and I look forward to watching their continued growth and success.●

#### 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MOUNT WASHINGTON COG RAILWAY

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, today, on behalf of the New Hampshire congressional delegation, Senator MAGGIE HASSAN and Representatives ANN McLANE KUSTER and CHRIS PAPPAS, I wish to salute the Mount Washington Cog Railway on its 150th anniversary. Once hailed by famed showman P.T. Barnum as the "Second-Greatest Show on Earth," the Cog Railway remains an engineering marvel and a one-of-a-kind experience a full century and a half after its maiden voyage up New Hampshire's highest peak.

A railway summing 6,288-foot Mount Washington was first proposed by New Hampshire native Sylvester Marsh, a retired meatpacker who made a fortune working in Chicago. When he approached the New Hampshire State Legislature for a charter to build his cog-and-rack system, Marsh encountered some skepticism of his innovative design. Legend has it that one lawmaker remarked that Marsh "might as well build a railway to the moon." Marsh got his charter in 1858, and his system found a nickname, "The Railway to the Moon," that it proudly uses to this day.

Construction began in 1866 at the base of the mountain, and it took engineers and builders 3 years to complete the 3¼ mile track to the peak. It opened to fanfare on July 3, 1869, as the world's first mountain cog railway. One of its passengers that first summer was Ulysses S. Grant, who became the first U.S. President to visit Mount Washington. According to newspapers, the President was impressed with the safety and simplicity of the locomotive's air brake system.

The Cog Railway's locomotives embraced technology and ingenuity to push passenger cars up the track and slow their descent. The first locomotive, nicknamed "Old Peppersass" because of its likeness to a pepper sauce bottle, mounted a vertical boiler on twin trunnions in order to keep it upright as it climbed the steep grade. Old Peppersass was eventually replaced in the late 1800s by a fleet of more modern coal-powered steam locomotives, but it remains preserved and on display