

“higher order thinking” questions about their lab results.

Summer, who believes that one of her goals as an educator is to make her students feel valued, does this by encouraging her students to participate in days such as National Compliment Day. She believes that events like this will allow her students to feel empowered and know that they are capable of success in the future.

I offer my best wishes to Summer and look forward to hearing of her continued success in the years ahead.●

#### TRIBUTE TO LINDA HOWELL

● Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, today I honor Linda Howell, the Taylor County Teacher of the Year from Taylor County High School in Perry, FL.

Linda has a strong belief that every student can learn and succeed, but it takes an entire community to support that success. Her peers take note of her dedication to being a part of a team at her school.

A 1987 graduate from Florida State University, Linda previously worked for Proctor and Gamble, helping to develop its employee assistance program and was a member of its Foley Impact Team. She was also previously a home educator and substitute teacher.

Linda has great experience as an educator, spending many years cultivating an esteemed and diverse resume. Linda currently teaches 9th and 10th grade English, and has spent 8 years with the Taylor County Public School District. She also intermittently teaches at her local Boys and Girls Club in its after-school and summer programs.

I offer my best wishes to Linda and look forward to hearing of her continued good work in the years to come.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:26 a.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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2109. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans.

H.R. 2196. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the credit hour requirement for the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 3:31 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 559. An act to amend section 6 of the Joint Resolution entitled “A Joint Resolution to approve the Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes”.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2109. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in awarding a contract for the procurement of goods or services, to give a preference to offerors that employ veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 2196. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the credit hour requirement for the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' 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-1743. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Paul J. Selva, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1744. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Methods for Calculating W-2 Wages for Purposes of Section 199A(g)” (Notice 2019-27) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1745. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Contributions in Exchange for State or Local Tax Credits” (RIN1545-BO89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1746. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Modification of Discounting Rules for Insurance Companies” (RIN1545-BO50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1747. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “2019 Marginal Production Rates” (Notice 2019-38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1748. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Electing Small Business Trusts with Nonresident Aliens as Potential Current Beneficiaries” (RIN1545-BO93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1749. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Limitation on Deduction for Dividends Received from Certain Foreign Corporations and Amounts Eligible for Section 954 Look-Through Exception”

(RIN1545-BO64) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1750. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Health Reimbursement Arrangements and Other Account-Based Group Health Plans” (RIN1545-BO46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 20, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1751. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2019-0044 - 2019-0047); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1752. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Supplement Not Supplant Under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as Amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act” received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1753. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Health Reimbursement Arrangements and Other Account-Based Group Health Plans” (RIN0938-AT90) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 14, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1754. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-59, “Primary Date Alteration Temporary Amendment Act of 2019”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1755. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Ohio River, Miles 90.8 to 91.4, Wheeling, WV” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0364)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 21, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1756. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Ohio River, Miles 110.5 to 111.5, Moundsville, WV” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0451)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 21, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1757. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Lower Mississippi River, Port Gibson, MS” ((RIN1625-AA00) (Docket No. USCG-2019-0440)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 21, 2019; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1758. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Lower Mississippi River, Ohio