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TRIBUTE TO ANNA BABCOCK

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Anna Babcock, the St. Lucie County Teacher of the Year, from Fairlawn Elementary Magnet School in Fort Pierce, FL.

Anna treats each day as if she is teaching future businessowners, employers, and politicians. She works to leave a lasting impact on their lives, which often causes her to remember those who helped her become the teacher she is today.

Anna credits receiving this honor to the many women who positively influenced her. She hopes her successful teaching career reflects on those who dedicated much time and effort in making her an educator and a parent.

Anna is a third generation Fort Pierce local who has taught in St. Lucie County for the past 15 years. She teaches gifted students and focuses on lesson plans that detail contributions made by women to our Nation.

I offer my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Anna for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO ASHLEY BANGERT

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Ashley Bangert, the Indian River County Teacher of the Year, from Sebastian Elementary School of the Arts in Sebastian, FL.

Ashley works closely with each of her students as she is committed to supporting their academic growth. She knows building a relationship with each child is imperative in nurturing them to be successful.

Ashley also works with her fellow educators in connecting with students and their parents. This helps ensure that lessons taught in her classroom are also applied at a student's home.

Ashley is in her 17th year as an educator and is a member of her school's PTA board. She began teaching fourth grade in 2005 before becoming a fifth grade teacher and a Title-1 Reading Interventionist. She is in her second year as the math instructional coach at Sebastian Elementary School of the Arts.

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

TRIBUTE TO LINDSAY BEAM

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Lindsay Beam, the Calhoun County Teacher of the Year, from Blountstown High School in Blountstown, FL.

Lindsay records her classroom lessons so her students can listen to them

at home while doing their homework. She does this in the event one may be struggling with a topic. During the COVID pandemic, Lindsay would go to a student's home to help with a lesson and gives one-on-one tutoring during her free time. She wants her students to know she is always there for them and does her best for their success.

Lindsay currently teaches grades sixth and eighth grade mathematics at Blountstown High School. She graduated from Chipola College in 2008, earning her associate of arts degree in general education. She began her career in Calhoun County, teaching first grade at Blountstown Elementary School in 2010. Two years later, Lindsay moved to fifth grade, teaching reading, language arts, and social studies. She then moved to Blountstown Middle School as a sixth-grade math teacher and added eighth grade pre-algebra.

I offer my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Lindsay for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO TARA KLINK

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Tara Klink, the Franklin County Teacher of the Year, from Franklin County School in Eastpoint, FL.

Teaching was different from Tara's original career plan. She initially wanted to be a biologist, but coaching volleyball at Franklin County High School made her want to be involved with students. She felt she was making more of an impact on the lives of others and decided to change careers. Tara finds teaching to be a fulfilling job and allows her to serve her community. She has worked with students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade science. At the high school level, she taught marine science, biology, environmental science, and math for college readiness. She is currently in her 9th year of teaching and teaches forensic science.

Tara graduated as valedictorian at Apalachicola High School in 2006. She earned her bachelor's degree in environmental science from the University of West Florida in 2011. She worked 5 years for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Since becoming a teacher, she has sat on the homecoming and graduation committees and is president of the Franklin County Teachers Association.

I offer my deepest gratitude and best wishes to Tara for her commitment to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued success as she enters working in school administration and completes her master's degree in educational leadership from the University of West Florida.●

TRIBUTE TO JOSELYN LEON

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Joselyn Leon, the Palm Beach

County Teacher of the Year, from Belle Glade Elementary School in Belle Glade, FL.

Joselyn's students serve as her biggest inspiration. She believes she is making a positive impact in the world through her work with them. She is known for her in-depth planner that details each activity. Joselyn knew she wanted to be a teacher because of her passion for working with kids. She prayed for guidance in her career and found teaching to be the answer. While teaching is her official job, Joselyn does not consider it a job because she loves what she does.

Joselyn became a fifth-grade teacher at Belle Glade Elementary School because she wanted to give back to her community. In 2017, she joined the School District of Palm Beach County and, shortly after, was named the school's Beginning Teacher of the Year.

I convey my sincere gratitude and best wishes to Joselyn for her devotion to her students. I look forward to hearing about her continued good work in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD LOSARDO

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Richard LoSardo, the Martin County Teacher of the Year, from Martin County High School in Stuart, FL.

Richie's colleagues believe he encapsulates what it means to be a Martin County High School Tiger. He is a dedicated and passionate educator committed to seeing his students and colleagues succeed. He leads various professional learning sessions and shares engagement strategies with others with a high level of success.

Throughout Richie's career in teaching, he has taken on various Advancement Placement and Advanced International Certificate of Education Programs that furthered his learning and pushed him professionally. This earned his students' appreciation as they saw Richie continue to further his education after he graduated from Martin County High School.

Richie is the school's debate coach, leading the program and traveling with students nationwide for championship competitions. He earned recognition from the National Speech and Debate Association as a Diamond Coach. He also has taken on leadership roles and officer positions in the debate community while hosting tournaments at Martin County High School.

I am grateful for Richie's commitment to his students and work across the Martin County community. I look forward to learning more about his good work in the classroom in the years ahead.●

TRIBUTE TO KASEY MCKANE-BROWN

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, I recognize Kasey McKane-Brown, the Okeechobee County Teacher of the Year,