AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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Add at the end of title VIII the following:

1 SEC. 8. NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of Education shall establish a national recognition program to be known as the “National Classified School Employee of the Year Award program”. The purpose of the program shall be to recognize and promote the commitment and excellence exhibited by classified school employees in public schools who provide exemplary service to students in prekindergarten through secondary education.

(b) Award.—Prior to March 31 of each year (beginning with the second calendar year that begins after the date of the enactment of this Act), the National Classified School Employee Award program shall recommend to the Secretary a classified school employee to receive the National Classified School Employee Award for the year.

(e) Selection Process.—

(1) Nomination Process.—

(A) In General.—Not later than November 1 of each year (beginning with the first cal-
endar year that begins after the date of the en-
actment of this Act), the Secretary shall solicit
nominations of classified school employees in
public schools from the occupational specialties
described in subsection (d) from the chief State
school officer of each State.

(B) NOMINATION SUBMISSIONS.—In order
for individuals in a State to be eligible to re-
ceive recognition under this section, the chief
State school officer shall consider nominations
submitted by the following:

(i) Local educational agencies.

(ii) School administrators.

(iii) Professional associations.

(iv) Labor organizations.

(v) Educational service agencies.

(vi) Any other group determined ap-
propriate by the National Classified School
Employee Award program.

(2) DEMONSTRATION.—Each chief State school
officer of a State who desires individuals in the
State to receive recognition under this section shall
submit the nominations described in paragraph (1)
to the Secretary in such manner as may be required
by the National Classified School Employee Award
program. Each such nomination shall contain, at a minimum, demonstrations of excellence in the following areas:

(A) Work performance.

(B) School and community involvement.

(C) Leadership and commitment.

(D) Local support.

(E) Enhancement of classified school employees’ image in the community and schools.

(F) Any other area of superior performance, such as health and safety promotion or efficient use of energy or other resources.

(3) SELECTION.—The National Classified School Employee Award program shall develop uniform national guidelines for evaluating nominations submitted under paragraph (2) in order to select the most deserving nominees based on the demonstrations made in the areas described in such paragraph.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE.—The term “classified school employee” means a public employee of a State or of any political subdivision of a State, who works in any grade from prekindergarten through secondary education in any of the following 9 occupational specialties:
(A) Paraprofessional services.
(B) Clerical and administrative services.
(C) Transportation services.
(D) Food and nutrition services.
(E) Custodial and maintenance services.
(F) Security services.
(G) Health and student services.
(H) Technical services.
(I) Skilled trades.

(2) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—The terms used in this section have the meaning given the terms in section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).