

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
FOR H.R. 5  
OFFERED BY MS. TITUS OF NEVADA**

Add at the end of title VIII the following:

1 **SEC. 8 \_\_\_\_ . NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM.**

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

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

16 (c) SELECTION PROCESS.—

17 (1) NOMINATION PROCESS.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than November  
19 ber 1 of each year (beginning with the first cal-

1           endar year that begins after the date of the en-  
2           actment of this Act), the Secretary shall solicit  
3           nominations of classified school employees in  
4           public schools from the occupational specialties  
5           described in subsection (d) from the chief State  
6           school officer of each State.

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

- 12                   (i) Local educational agencies.
- 13                   (ii) School administrators.
- 14                   (iii) Professional associations.
- 15                   (iv) Labor organizations.
- 16                   (v) Educational service agencies.
- 17                   (vi) Any other group determined ap-  
18           propriate by the National Classified School  
19           Employee Award program.

20                   (2) DEMONSTRATION.—Each chief State school  
21          officer of a State who desires individuals in the  
22          State to receive recognition under this section shall  
23          submit the nominations described in paragraph (1)  
24          to the Secretary in such manner as may be required  
25          by the National Classified School Employee Award

1 program. Each such nomination shall contain, at a  
2 minimum, demonstrations of excellence in the fol-  
3 lowing areas:

4 (A) Work performance.

5 (B) School and community involvement.

6 (C) Leadership and commitment.

7 (D) Local support.

8 (E) Enhancement of classified school em-  
9 ployees' image in the community and schools.

10 (F) Any other area of superior perform-  
11 ance, such as health and safety promotion or ef-  
12 ficient use of energy or other resources.

13 (3) SELECTION.—The National Classified  
14 School Employee Award program shall develop uni-  
15 form national guidelines for evaluating nominations  
16 submitted under paragraph (2) in order to select the  
17 most deserving nominees based on the demonstra-  
18 tions made in the areas described in such paragraph.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEE.—The term  
21 “classified school employee” means a public em-  
22 ployee of a State or of any political subdivision of a  
23 State, who works in any grade from prekindergarten  
24 through secondary education in any of the following  
25 9 occupational specialties:

- 1 (A) Paraprofessional services.
- 2 (B) Clerical and administrative services.
- 3 (C) Transportation services.
- 4 (D) Food and nutrition services.
- 5 (E) Custodial and maintenance services.
- 6 (F) Security services.
- 7 (G) Health and student services.
- 8 (H) Technical services.
- 9 (I) Skilled trades.

10 (2) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—The terms used in  
11 this section have the meaning given the terms in sec-  
12 tion 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
13 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

