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smoke-filled back rooms. I believe this is a very good bill and I hope it will garner bipartisan support.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor and support "The National Monument NEPA Compliance Act." We need to return public participation to public lands management.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT M. "BOB"
MCLAUGHLIN

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Robert M. McLaughlin, an outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to education. He will be celebrating his retirement from Saint David's School, where he

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has taught English and Latin, as well as 4th and 8th grade, since 1963. He will be honored on May 5 by parents, family, friends, and professionals for his outstanding contributions to the community.

Born in the Bronx in 1936, Mr. McLaughlin, known as Bob to his friends, attended Cardinal Hayes High School and Fordham University where he earned a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in Latin and Roman History.

As Rose Marie Gionta Alfieri eloquently reported in Saint David's Magazine: "A bibliophile is one of the terms most often used by McLaughlin's colleagues and friends at Saint David's to describe him. Others include 'loyal,' 'funny,' 'supportive,' 'argumentative,' and 'good sport.' But perhaps the most on-the-nose quality that captures the essence of this master teacher can be summed up in one word: passion."

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Mr. Speaker, I think that quote speaks volumes about Mr. McLaughlin's character.

Mr. McLaughlin will retire in May of this year after a fruitful career in public service. He will leave us with many lessons learned about leadership in education and about wisdom. A talented leader and educator, Mr. McLaughlin will continue sharing his knowledge and views with his family and friends.

Mr. McLaughlin is married to Mary McAndrews and they are the proud parents of five children, Robert, Matthew, Andrew—all three attended Saint David's School—Mary Joyce, and Kristin.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Robert M. "Bob" McLaughlin for his outstanding achievements in education and his enduring commitment to the community.