

and nonpartisan institutions such as the Bipartisan Policy Center's American Energy Innovation Council, the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, and the Energy Futures Initiative.

I'd also note that in its review of the program released in June 2017, the National Academies found that a substantial increase in funding would be necessary for ARPA-E to be able to sufficiently support the scale-up of particularly promising technologies, such as advanced technologies for energy storage and power electronics, that were previously supported by the agency. But many of these new approaches are still too risky to be supported by the private sector alone, and too often, other DOE programs remain ill-suited to steward them.

So by authorizing these resources, this bill ensures that ARPA-E is able to fully pursue the development and eventual commercialization of truly transformational clean energy technologies, just as DARPA, the agency that ARPA-E is modeled, has been able to demonstrate time and again for defense applications.

Other improvements in this bill include explicit authorization for ARPA-E to better address DOE's significant nuclear waste clean-up and management issues, for which the Department currently spends several billion dollars every year attempting to manage with current technologies. And it includes authorization for ARPA-E to support projects to improve the resilience, reliability, and security of our energy infrastructure.

The ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2019 incorporates extensive feedback from stakeholders, as well as input we received during a hearing the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology held on February 26th entitled *The Future of ARPA-E*. It also incorporates constructive language from a bill that I cosponsored with my friend, Mr. Lucas, who is now Ranking Member of the Committee, last year.

This bill is endorsed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the Council on Competitiveness, the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC), the Association of American Universities (AAU), the Association of Public & Land-grant Universities (APLU), the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), the American Gas Association (AGA), the Energy Storage Association (ESA), the Carbon Utilization Research Council (CURC), the American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE), the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), the American Council for Capital Formation (ACCF), Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions (CRES), ConservAmerica, the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), the Task Force on American Innovation (TFAI), Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2), the American Chemical Society (ACS), the Optical Society of America (OSA), IEEE-USA, the Task Force on American Innovation (TFAI), the Energy Sciences Coalition (ESC), and the Gas Technology Institute (GTI).

Given this broad and deep support from the leading industrial, academic, scientific, and environmental organizations of our nation, I look forward to advancing this bill through the Committee in the coming months. And I will continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to build support for this crit-

ical investment in our nation's clean energy future.

IN RECOGNITION OF PENNYTOWN'S 148TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it brings me great joy to rise today to commemorate the 148th anniversary of Pennytown, Missouri. Founded by former slaves, this historic town stands as a declaration of what people can accomplish in the face of adversity. Today, their descendants gather to honor the memory of a remarkable chapter of Missouri's history.

Joseph Penny, the founder and visionary of Pennytown, was a former slave from Kentucky. Mr. Penny, like many, joined the Great Migration north, hoping for a better and more prosperous life. Penny started as a tenant farmer in the late 1860s, but his life changed in March of 1871 when he paid \$160 for eight acres of land in Saline County, Missouri. The purchase of this land marked the birth of Pennytown. During a time when black Americans were not allowed to own land in many parts of the country, Pennytown became a haven. By 1879, eleven land acquisitions had been made. This town became a testament to the residents' commitment to maintaining autonomy while helping former slaves in reconstruction. At its peak, approximately 1,000 freed slaves and their descendants lived in Pennytown, forming the largest concentration of black-owned land in Saline County.

At first sight, Pennytown did not appear to be much. The town only consisted of two churches, a school and a store. However, this small collection of farms and buildings made up a mighty microeconomy. Pennytown was a vibrant community, strongly intertwined and loyal. The men would venture from house to house during the holidays to chop wood for every family, and the women gathered weekly to create goods that could be sold, using the proceeds to create a communal emergency fund. The descendants of Pennytown help the legacy of the community live on for younger generations through stories of the origins and efforts it took to create such a town.

Today, the Pennytown Freewill Baptist Church provides a tangible reminder of rural life for African Americans in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, while preserving the integrity of location, design, and feeling. Much like today, churches in the past served as much more than just places of worship, and the Pennytown church was no different. With its Baptist gatherings, social events, and communal celebrations, the church was a testament to the perseverance of a community who had, just six years earlier, witnessed the abolition of slavery. This community lasted a few decades, but the unpredictability of time has removed most visible reminders of its existence. The Pennytown Freewill Baptist Church is the last reminder of what this town once was. The Pennytown descendants who own the church gather together the first Sunday of every August to celebrate and honor their rich history and to remind all of us that the past is truly present in our world today.

Madam Speaker, please join me and the entirety of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring the history of Freewill Baptist Church and Pennytown as they celebrate an anniversary of one hundred and forty-eight years since the founding. I welcome my colleagues and fellow citizens across the country to join me and the constituents of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in reflecting upon the impactful history held within this one small church.

RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON HUAWEI BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

HON. BILL FLORES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise to bring additional attention to the national security threat that Chinese state-sponsored entities like Huawei pose to our telecommunication networks and national security.

This past week, I wrote to Secretary Ross at the Department of Commerce to consider Huawei's track record of espionage and intellectual property theft when enforcing restrictions on their trade with U.S. companies.

With the backing of the Chinese government, Huawei has attempted to weaponize patent claims in U.S. courts and to create vulnerabilities in our communications networks.

Restrictions placed on Huawei by the U.S. federal government were done to address their pattern of illicit behavior.

We need to continue to stop this Chinese state-sponsored entity from having access to our networks when they have so brazenly exploited U.S. companies and intellectual property for Chinese espionage and ill-gotten gains.

CONGRATULATING SENIOR OFFICER JON PETTIT ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF EULESS, TEXAS

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jon Pettit on his well-earned retirement from the City of Euless, Texas Police Department after twenty years of dedicated service as a law enforcement officer.

Jon is a hardworking and highly respected Senior Officer of the Euless Police Department. He has honorably served his community since beginning his distinguished career with the Euless Police Department as a Public Service Officer where he served for four years, gaining valuable experience in jail operations. In 2004, Jon was promoted to Officer where he would continue to serve the department in numerous capacities over the next sixteen years, exhibiting the highest level of professionalism.

Throughout his time as an officer in Euless, Jon has received over 35 police commendations as evidence of his outstanding service

and professionalism. During Jon's time with the department he served variety of assignments, namely Field Training Officer, Bicycle Officer, and Criminal Investigation "Auto Task Force" Investigator. It is through his numerous commendations that Jon's colleagues, supervisors, and the Euless community have expressed their deepest appreciation and gratitude for his service.

In twenty years of service, Jon has received over 2000 hours of police in-service and public safety officer training, consisting of a variety of advanced and master-level police courses. These courses include areas of patrol, advanced "auto theft" investigation, accident investigation, defensive tactics training, complex crimes investigation, Reid Interviewing Advanced Investigation Techniques, and police "intoxilyzer operator" training. Jon's dedication to his fellow officers is apparent in his commitment to the instruction and development of younger police officers, and Jon has always been appreciated as an informal leader within the department.

Jon's contributions to the law enforcement operations in the City of Euless has helped to ensure countless officers were adequately trained and prepared for the challenges they face in their everyday duties as police. His legacy will leave a lasting mark on the City of Euless and the Euless Police Department for many years to come.

Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the extensive efforts Jon has contributed to the City of Euless, and the State of Texas. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing Senior Officer Jon Pettit for his many years of service.

IN HONOR OF PASTOR R. L.
ROGERS' LIFE AND LEGACY

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Pastor R. L. Rogers—a man of God, a community leader, father, and husband.

Pastor Rogers was born on March 6, 1939 in Calvert, Texas to the late Ernest and Margaret Rogers and transitioned from labor to eternal reward on July 20, 2019, after many years of giving back to our Dallas-Fort Worth community.

Pastor Rogers attended high school in south Texas, before graduating from the Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Pastor Rogers' time at seminary started his journey in faith and helping our community that expanded over five decades.

Pastor Rogers was the founder, and the one and only Pastor for 53 years of the Harvey Avenue Baptist Church—a place of worship that is a cornerstone of the Fort Worth community. That was only the beginning of his accomplishments. Pastor Rogers was also an avid volunteer for important causes, like mentoring youth in our community, and serving as a Chaplain at the Tarrant County Jail. He was also a nationally known Evangelist, Pastor and Gospel Preacher.

Pastor Rogers was a pillar of our community—spending 53 of his years teaching and encouraging our community and his accomplishments and service will be greatly missed.

HONORING PETER NISSEN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peter Nissen for his commitment to agriculture and our wine community and to honor him as the Napa County Farm Bureau's 2019 Agriculturalist of the Year.

Mr. Nissen was born in Richmond, California and began his career in agriculture before he graduated high school. The summer before he began his junior year, he moved irrigation lines in Cucamonga and Alta Loma vineyards. Mr. Nissen attended the University of California at Santa Barbara and graduated from San Diego State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1973. After graduation, Mr. Nissen worked in the vineyard department of Charles Krug Vineyard. Starting in the equipment shop, he worked in all areas of vineyard operations, working his way up from the equipment shop to assistant vineyard manager in 1976. In February of 1978, Mr. Nissen started Nissen Vineyard Services Inc., a vineyard management business that currently farms over 1100 acres, most of which are in Napa County. Additionally, his company supplies labor to other agricultural operations.

Mr. Nissen's involvement in our community extends beyond his company as he volunteers his time for numerous agricultural organizations. He has been a Board Member of Napa County Farm Bureau (NCFB) since 1998, is a past President, and is the Board Member representing NCFB on the Napa Valley Vine Trail. Mr. Nissen currently sits on the Board of the California Farm Labor Contractors Association and previously served as President. He has served as coordinator since the NCFB and the Napa County Agriculture Commissioner's office began hosting the annual Ag Day program for students in second and third grades. Mr. Nissen volunteered to manage the vineyard at Carneros Elementary School from 1990 to 2014. He also volunteered to develop and manage the Napa County Resource Conservation District's Huichica Creek Sustainable Demonstration Vineyard.

Madam Speaker, Peter Nissen has been a committed and active member of our agricultural community for many decades. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him as the Napa County Farm Bureau's 2019 Agriculturalist of the Year here today.

HONORING DIANE YODER FOR HER
SELFLESS SERVICE TO OUR HEROES

HON. DANIEL MEUSER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, it is with profound respect that I rise today to honor Diane Yoder of Fleetwood for her incredible service to our community's veterans and first responders.

The Yoder family is a military family; all three of Diane's children served, following a

family tradition of service. When her son Jarett was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2013, Diane took up this call to service herself. She began the Jarett Yoder Foundation, a non-profit with 10 Patriot Houses in Pennsylvania for veterans and first responders at risk of homelessness. She is now working with more than 170 families to provide important resources to them in times of need.

Diane has touched countless lives through her work and carries on the memory of her son's service in her own. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Diane Yoder for her tireless service for Pennsylvania's veterans and first responders.

VOM JOHNATHAN SHEPHERD

HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's July Veteran of the Month, Sergeant Johnathon Shepherd.

Sergeant Shepherd joined the Marines in 1997, where he served for 5 years, deploying to the Mediterranean in 2000.

Once back in Tulsa, Sergeant Shepherd started his first business after learning about federal opportunities available to veteran-owned businesses. He and his wife, Jessica, built the company in their spare time for 8 years before devoting their full efforts to establish Americom Technologies Group in 2016.

Also in 2016, Sergeant Shepherd and his wife launched Eagle Ops as an outreach program for veterans and their families. In 2018, they joined with fellow Marine Stacy Hester to create the Eagle Ops Foundation with the focus on community. The Foundation is active in the Tulsa community and works to build relationships for our veterans, their families and patriots in the community.

Sergeant Shepherd truly is an impressive man of integrity and honor. He makes Oklahoma proud and plays an important role in our community of veterans. I'm glad to have this opportunity to shine a light on his work and give him the recognition he deserves as our July Veteran of the Month.

RECOGNIZING THE CENTER FOR
INDEPENDENT LIVING DIS-
ABILITY RESOURCE CENTER FOR
THEIR INVALUABLE SERVICE

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Center for Independent Living Disability Resource Center (CILDR). That is committed as epitomized in their mission statement, "to assist individuals with disabilities achieve their goals of independence".

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), passed July 26, 1990, put into law the ideal that Americans with disabilities should not be discriminated against when going about their daily life. This includes, equal employment, opportunity, public building access areas, and