

newscast in 1980. Our paths have crossed many times over the years, sharing information about the challenges and triumphs in Kentucky's Appalachian region. Though small in stature, it is clear that Barbara carries tremendous love and compassion for the people of Kentucky, with a special place in her heart for southern and eastern Kentuckians.

As she begins a new chapter of life, I wish Barbara many wonderful years of retirement with her family and grandchildren. The people of southern and eastern Kentucky are proud to call Barbara Bailey one of our most distinguished daughters of the mountains.

HONORING THE 2020 GEORGE MEANY AWARD TO CLINT DRURY OF WEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2020*

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor and congratulate Clint Drury, Executive Director, West Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council on being awarded the 2020 George Meany Award.

This prestigious award recognizes Clint for his significant contribution to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America, The George Meany Award was named after the AFL-CIO's first president, who gave strong support to Scouting over the years. In recognition of their contributions to America's future, the AFL-CIO Executive Council then established the George Meany Award, Clint's community involvement this year ranges from the Children's Hospital of Illinois Annual Telethon, Heart of Illinois United Way, Illinois Prevailing Wage Council, Better Build, Labor Day Parade, and too many more examples to count Clint has dedicated his time and energy to his community, leading by example to strive and improve the lives of those around him.

Clint is a 22-year member of the Laborers' Local 231 in Pekin, Illinois. As the spokesman for the construction professionals of central Illinois, Clint's role could be best described as business development Business development successes are what is best for the folks he represents, but more importantly, what makes our community a better place to work and raise a family. Clint and his wife, Sarah, are advocates of children with hearing loss, fundraising, and creating policy changes for healthcare plans to include hearing aids and speech therapy, Clint's competitive spirit positions him to secure projects for local, union contractors, in turn putting more union workers on the job with higher wages, benefits, and safe working conditions, The men and women of Central Illinois in the construction industry have benefited because of Clint's relentless efforts to put them to work and keep them working.

I am grateful for Clint's time and commitment to his community and the promotion of American youth. His work has had a profound

impact on our community, Congratulations Clint, the honor is well deserved!

SPRINGFIELD RACE RIOT STUDY ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 21, 2020*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill H.R. 139, the Springfield Race Riot National Historic Monument Act, to designate the site of the 1908 Springfield Race Riots as a National Historic Monument to preserve and recognize it as an important part of our nation's history. I am proud of the support this bill has received, and that the House Natural Resources Committee came together in a bipartisan way to amend this bill to pass it as the Springfield Race Riot Study Act, the next step in designating it as part of the National Park System (NPS).

This site represents one of the three worst race riots in our nation's history, where terrible and appalling events of racially motivated mass violence were committed against African Americans for merely existing in their own community, destroying an entire neighborhood as a result. The site and artifacts were unearthed during construction of the Carpenter Street segment of the Springfield Rail Improvements Project and consists of the remains of five homes that were burned during the 1908 Springfield Race Riot. This event, and others like it in Illinois demonstrated that racial injustice was not an isolated issue only in the South, but one that must be addressed across the country.

Ultimately the riots that occurred at the site played an integral role in the formation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) when Ida B. Wells-Barnett, a key leader in the African American civil rights movement, launched an anti-lynching campaign to end violence against African Americans as a result of the horrific events that occurred in Springfield. In 1909, just a year later, the NAACP was established, working tirelessly to improve race relations and to ensure that the events that happened just over a hundred years ago would never happen again.

Just last month, we were successful in adding the Springfield Race Riot site to the African American Civil Rights Network in order to give it proper recognition immediately while we continue our work to designate the site as part of the NPS. The Site is now among several other important places that serve to commemorate and interpret the history of the African American Civil Rights movement. Also included in the Network is the Pullman National Monument in Chicago, which recognizes the first major labor agreement between a company and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the first African American led labor union; the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail, which traces the route of the 1965

Voting Rights March in Alabama; and the A.P. Tureaud House in Louisiana, which was the home of the prominent civil rights attorney and legal counsel for the NAACP for more than three decades; along with many others.

I thank the bipartisan group of my colleagues who supported this bill, Rep. DARIN LAHOOD, Rep. ALBIO SIRES, Rep. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD, Rep. ROBIN L. KELLY, Rep. BOB GIBBS, Rep. ANDRÉ CARSON, Rep. DON BACON, Rep. BENNIE G. THOMPSON, Rep. MIKE BOST, Rep. MIKE QUIGLEY, Rep. VAL BUTLER DEMINGS, Rep. SHEILA JACKSON LEE, Rep. ALMA S. ADAMS, Rep. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY, Rep. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON, Rep. MARCIA L. FUDGE, Rep. STEVE COHEN, and Rep. SEAN CASTEN.

I also thank Rep. WM. LACY CLAY, who co-sponsored my bill and led the African American Civil Rights Network Act of 2017, which was signed into law in January 2018. This Act established this important Network that I am proud the Springfield Race Riot Site is now part of. Thank you to House Natural Resources Chairman RAÚL GRIJALVA and Ranking Member ROB BISHOP for their support and moving this bill through their Committee.

Thank you to the Springfield Branch of the NAACP, the Illinois NAACP, the Central Illinois African American Museum, and the Library of Congress, for their efforts to preserve the artifacts, and raise awareness regarding the importance of this site.

We must continue this work to preserve and protect this site for present and future generations. It is imperative that we never forget the work that's been done or the innocent lives that were lost, and the work we must continue to do.

OPPOSITION TO H.R. 4447

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 24, 2020*

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today disappointed in the Majority for pushing forward H.R. 4447, the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act. Despite the bill's stated objectives, this legislation would hurt our economy and hamper technological progress.

This legislation authorizes over \$135 billion in new taxpayer spending, and creates new mandates and prohibitions, all of which would only hurt Americans' finances and consumer choice. The Majority failed to include the most important policies that would enable the rapid investment and development of new energy technologies: regulatory and permitting reforms.

While I was pleased that five of my amendments were considered and that three passed, I cannot in good faith support this partisan legislation that will hurt our Nation's economic recovery and reduce the speed of innovation in the marketplace.

Due to the partisan nature of H.R. 4447, I would have not only voted no, but strongly encouraged my fellow members to do so.