



Rep. Tom Emmer on Emmer Recognizes Innovation in Technology

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REP. TOM EMMER:

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tom Ardolf and Avant Garde Technology Liberation for the recent win at the International Consumer Electronics Show. The group earned the Health and Wellness Project of the Year from the Consumer Technology Association. Ardolf and his group designed an impressive home automation system for a woman who is a quadriplegic. Originally, they were asked to create a system that would allow the woman to easily change the volume on her television. Instead, they went above and beyond, creating a system that allows her to control her entire media center, unlock her door, adjust her lighting, and even place phone calls. Technology's role in the world is rapidly increasing, and with the increase, many new frontiers have been discovered and explored. And I am proud to represent a state and district that is home to medical innovation. I am constantly amazed by how technology has the capacity to improve and even save lives. That is exactly what Tom Ardolf and his team demonstrated with this automation system, and I applaud their ingenuity. I yield back.

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