high blood pressure, and swelling. The AHUS Community is fortunate to have several infusion therapies.

AHUS was brought to my attention by a constituent, Barbara Farcher. The Farcher family resides in Saugerties, New York in my Congressional district. The family was unexpectedly discovered to have the disorder in their family when one of their sons was diagnosed. Barbara and her family have taken up the cause of the AHUS over the last 10 years. Barbara has advocated for access to coverage for the community. In 2021, Barbara and a group of advocates founded the patient advocacy group, the AHUS Action Network. The mission of AHUS Action Network is to serve as a gathering place for patients to be mobilized to advocate for the AHUS community concerns at the local, state, and federal levels; to be informed about issues affecting the AHUS Community, and to train for more effective patient advocacy; and engage in encouraging connection, awareness, and solidarity within the AHUS Community.

Madam Speaker, we can work together to ensure increased research for AHUS so the community can realize improved treatments and a cure for this rare disease.

HONORING DALE JOHNSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dale Johnson for over 30 years of outstanding service to the Yolo County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Johnson has demonstrated his commitment to ensuring safety in the community of Yolo County as well as the United States through his service in law enforcement and the U.S. military.

Mr. Johnson's career in law enforcement started on April 29, 1992 as a Deputy Sheriff. Notably, he was assigned to the Capay Augmented Patrol on January 22, 1995. The patrol is a specialized unit used to protect the community of Capay Valley and Cache Creek Casino. Mr. Johnson was the first deputy ever to be assigned to this patrol.

Because of his outstanding work ethic, he earned the rank of Undersheriff on June 30, 2019. During his career, Mr. Johnson was recognized for his hard work and service to his community. Most notably among his many outstanding awards, he was named ''Deputy of the Year'' in 1995, recognized as a member of the ''Team of the Year'' in the Investigations section in 2005, and received a ''Certificate of Commendation for Dedicated Service'' in 2006.

Serving others by providing safety and security has been a consistent part of Mr. Johnson's life. Outside of his local community, Mr. Johnson has proven his commitment to keeping all Americans safe through his service to the military. He served in the United States Army for six years and participated in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield.

Mr. Johnson is known by his family, colleagues, and community as a tireless leader committed to his profession and his role in protecting public safety. Even after retirement, he will continue to serve as an example for those around him to emulate.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Mr. Johnson has worked endlessly to serve his community through military service and his experience in law enforcement. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

SBIR AND STTR EXTENSION ACT OF 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 4900, the ''Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Extension Act of 2022'' that reauthorizes the SBIR, STTR, and six pilot programs for three years to provide stability and certainty for small businesses that rely on their technology.

This legislation would extend SBIR/STTR programs and the following six pilot programs for three years, through September 30, 2025:

Commercialization Readiness Program for Civilian Agencies;

Commercialization Assistance Pilot Program;

Administrative, oversight, and contracting cost pilot program;

Phase flexibility authority;

NIH Phase Zero of Concept Partnership Program; and

Pilot to Accelerate DoD SBIR/STTR Awards.

S. 4900, in addition, will require the Department of Defense (DoD) to broaden discussions to attract new ideas and new firms, raise the performance standard for more experienced firms, and require new reports by the SBA Offices of Inspector General (OIG) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

Further, the bill would expand federal research security practices within the SBIR and the STTR programs to protect against technology theft by adversarial foreign governments.

The Small Business Innovation Research Program is one of the most important public-private partnerships in the United States.

This program encourages innovative small businesses to address national economic aspirations and transform emerging ideas into commercial reality.

Over the past 40 years, SBIR and STTR programs have played a role in many firms including iRobot, 23&Me, and Qualcomm wireless communications.

Additionally, SBIR firms have been essential in the development of the technologies that made LASIK eye surgery, bio-degradable packaging and material made from mushrooms to reduce Styrofoam in landfills and innovations used to fight COVD–19.

Because of the DNA results from a 23&Me user, law enforcement was about to solve a rape and murder case that was otherwise deemed a cold case in 2019.

High-tech wristbands from the company CarePredict aided in the monitoring for coronavirus in contacts between patients in senior living homes during the height of the pandemic.

Through SBIR and STTR programs, the future is being visualized and produced just as it had been by a previous generation of innovators.

In 1959, Otis Boykin created the wire resistor that was later used in televisions, computers, and radios. Once it was perfected, our very own United States military and IBM sought after him for his invention.

Garrett Morgan invented the traffic light in 1923.

Dr. Shirley Jackson's groundbreaking scientific research led to the inventions of the portable fax, touch tone telephone, solar cells, fiberoptic cables, and the technology behind caller ID and call waiting.

These Black inventors created technologies that not only changed the world for the better, but laid the foundation for today's inventors who are developing the next wave of transformational technologies.

S. 4900 will empower today's innovative small businesses to continue to develop solutions to our current and future problems.

Let's pass this legislation and show our support for these small businesses across the nation.

There are over 3 million small businesses in my home state of Texas and nearly 33 million small businesses in the United States.

Let us not cloud the future of inspired workers by allowing these programs to shut down.

Like the PPP inequities during the height of the COVID–19 pandemic, minority businesses will be impacted the most if these programs were to be terminated. It could be a fatal blow to these businesses that already have a difficult time accessing resources.

As of now, minority-owned small businesses account for less than 20 percent of all small businesses and only receive 8 percent of awards that flow through the SBIR and STTR programs.

S. 4900 would broaden opportunities for first-time and non-traditional businesses in a new approach to increase awards to minority-owned small businesses.

According to the SBA, small businesses around the nation create two-thirds of net new jobs in our communities and generate 44 percent of the United States' economic activity.

The SBIR and STTR programs are a good investment, returning $22 to the economy for every $1 spent on SBIR and STTR project at DoD and $33 returned for every $1 at the National Cancer Institute.

As the economy continues to recover, we should not forget that not all businesses have recovered at the same rate.

With this, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting S. 4900 and giving our country's innovative small businesses the stability and certainty that they need to continue to bring growth and innovation throughout our communities.