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MeriTalk Names 11 Congressional Leaders as Inaugural MerITocracy Award Winners

11 U.S. policymakers recognized for their meaningful contributions to innovation in technology and policy

Alexandria, Va., July 18, 2022 – Today, MeriTalk announced the winners of its inaugural MerITocracy Awards. The awards recognize policy leaders who are helping drive change in America around issues including education and workforce, global competitiveness, privacy and security, and citizen services. These Congressional leaders are driving change at the nexus of policy and technology on the road to a better society.

"These leaders are driving tech advance and the future of innovation, regulation, and outcomes for America," said Steve O'Keeffe, founder, MeriTalk. "We're pleased to be able to recognize these changemakers who are making America more innovative, competitive, and secure."

This year's winners are listed below,

- **Rep. Stephanie Bice,** R-OK
- **Rep. Gerald Connolly,** D-VA
- ➢ Rep. Tom Emmer, R-MN
- > Rep. Bill Foster, D-IL
- > Rep. Trey Hollingsworth, R-IN
- > Rep. Darrell Issa, R-CA
- Rep. Ro Khanna, D-CA
- > Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, D-IL
- Sen. Gary Peters, D-MI
- Sen. Jacky Rosen, D-NV
- Sen. Mark Warner, D-VA

Winners will be recognized ahead of our <u>MerITocracy: American Innovation Forum</u>, taking place this Thursday, July 21, where these Congressional leaders will share their expertise and input on the future of American innovation. To join winners for these meaningful conversations, <u>register</u> today.

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