Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Red Foxes from Red Rocks Community College on placing first in the National Science Foundation’s Community College Innovation Challenge. This program serves as an innovative way for community college students to partner with community industries to create pioneering STEM-based solutions for real world issues. The Community College Innovation Challenge is an important example of encouraging STEM education and research for our nation’s students and future leaders. I congratulate all of the competition's participants for their work on a variety of important projects.

The Red Foxes placed first in the challenge with their Mobile Medical Disaster Relief Unit. Made out of 3D printed parts, a motor, Radio Frequency ID (RFID) tracker and Raspberry Pi computer, this device enhances the ability for medical teams to distribute and track needed medicine when responding to disasters. With its implementation, emergency responders could respond to high-stress, time-sensitive medical situations more quickly, more safely, and more effectively. The Red Foxes identified this problem and began working as a team to develop an innovative solution leaning on the skills of each of their team members.

I congratulate the Red Fox Team of Nathan Tiedt, Scotty Hall, Kaia Chapman, Keya Lea Horiuchi, and their faculty advisory Helena Martellaro for their first place finish. I applaud the Red Foxes for their dedication to this groundbreaking project and their leadership and commitment to STEM education blazing a path for our country’s future leaders and innovators. I am proud of the work Red Rocks Community College does every day and I look forward to seeing what the school and these students accomplish in the years to come.

Thank you,

Member of Congress