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2020 Hall of Fame Award

Presented to

John Patrick Henry

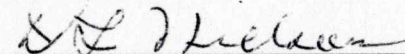
**for exceptional contributions to the enduring success of SRI International.
Presented on this fifteenth day of October, two thousand and twenty.**

During the 1970s and 1980s, SRI was at the forefront of energy technology research and was a major contributor to the national and international dialogue about energy management. Much credit is due to Pat Henry, who provided outstanding leadership in addressing critical U.S. and global energy supply and use issues. Pat worked tirelessly to build the SRI Energy and Resources Center (the Energy Center) into a leading multidisciplinary technology-based energy strategy consulting practice that had far-reaching impacts on decision makers in the private sector and those involved in setting government energy policy and allocating energy research funds. In fact, in the 1970s the new Department of Energy asked SRI's Energy Center team to help in developing the first national energy model.

To address national energy issues, original research data were needed, and Pat's team had to explore previously unmined technological research resources. The Energy Center's projections and innovative analyses led multiple international energy companies to support its research, and the team's annual presentations attracted hundreds of corporate participants from all organizational levels. For these presentations, Pat engaged multidisciplinary experts from across SRI to present results on topics such as global resource recovery methods (mining, hydrocarbons, solar, and all other options) and costs, energy technology systems and their technical and economic uncertainties, global economic uncertainties and sensitivities, water resources, and environmental constraints. The scope and quality of the analyses were impressive, especially considering the limited public domain information available and the time available to complete each analysis.

Some of the Energy Center's findings were at times controversial and had important implications for public policy and companies' strategic directions. Pat did not shy away from presenting results of "good objective analysis work," even when they may have contradicted conventional wisdom.

Pat was a visible figure on the national scene, helping better define energy challenges and issues. His assemblage of collaborative teams of technical experts and savvy business professionals from across SRI to address important societal and business challenges not only led to a successful working model at SRI, but also launched many distinguished careers.



Don Nielson, Chair
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