

prioritize policies that strengthen it. In my home state of Ohio, the manufacturing industry accounts for 16.6 percent of total output, and employs 12.5 percent of our workforce, or 690,200 employees. All told, the manufacturing produced \$107.95 billion worth of output in Ohio in 2017 and continues to grow each day.

H.R. 2397 would strengthen our nation's largest investment in advanced manufacturing—the Manufacturing USA Program—which has thrived in the past seven years since its creation and build on that success to strengthen our manufacturing workforce. This bill would reauthorize the successful Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation of 2014 and extend it to all agencies sponsoring centers for manufacturing innovation, allowing more of those that invest in manufacturing to benefit from this program. It would further strengthen the institutes' role in advanced manufacturing workforce development—something I'm deeply passionate about—along with outreach to and inclusion of small- and medium-sized businesses, which are vital to a prosperous American economy.

H.R. 2397 also puts important checks, balances, and oversight into place by encouraging the program office to develop pilot programs for the institutes, as well as identify for and disseminate to them best education and workforce training practices. It would also expand Manufacturing USA's authorities to collaborate with other agencies, including to develop network-wide performance goals. In addition, while this bill would authorize agencies to renew institutes for an additional period of funding, allowing those institutes to meet their ultimate goals, this would only be allowed following a rigorous review of the institute's progress toward meeting measurable goals.

The manufacturing industry is a pillar of the American economy and drives many of the other industries that make up our country's annual GDP. Without the manufacturing industry, the American economy would cease to exist. H.R. 2397 would expand on manufacturing programs with proven success and accelerate our nation's progress in advanced manufacturing. Ultimately, this legislation leverages existing programs across the federal government to help Manufacturing USA Institutes achieve its goals. Finally, as an advocate for small business and workforce development, I'm excited that this bill expands to include more small- and medium-sized manufacturers, since they are the lifeblood of our nation's economy.

Once again, I thank my colleague from Michigan for her leadership on this legislation, and I urge the committee's support of H.R. 2397.

LIFE AND MEMORY OF KATHY
TEAL

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. BUCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and memory of Kathy Teal.

Kathy was born in Newark, NJ and grew up in the Chicago suburb of Wheaton, IL. A certified midwife, she devoted herself to serving unwed mothers and children. Kathy was a founding member of both Birthright of Greeley

and the Genesis Project of Northern Colorado, organizations dedicated to helping single mothers and their children. She spent her life advocating for policies that protected expectant mothers in Colorado and continually supported organizations that protect the sanctity of life, including the Weld County Right to Life.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Kathy Teal for always fighting to protect those unable to protect themselves. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my condolences to the Teal family and my gratitude to Kathy for her life of service.

HONORING MEIERHOFFER
FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Meierhoffer Funeral Home and Crematory in St. Joseph, Missouri, as it celebrates its 125th anniversary.

For one hundred twenty-five years and five generations, the Meierhoffer Family has been there for people. For grieving families, for widows and children, Meierhoffer Funeral Home has been there. The Meierhoffers, with kindness, empathy and a quiet presence are able to bring calm to the chaos of raw nerves and frayed emotions. They are able to help others make peace and help families begin the process of healing from a loss. People say that having a good funeral home is like having a good lawyer. You never want to have to call them, but when you do have to make that call, you are always glad that they are there. I and all of St. Joseph, are eternally grateful that for over a century the Meierhoffer Funeral Home has been there.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Meierhoffer Funeral Home and Crematory for one hundred twenty-five years of serving the people of St. Joseph, Missouri. I am honored to have such a long-standing family business in the Sixth Congressional District of Missouri and to represent the Meierhoffer Family in the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF DIANE LORENZETTI

HON. MARK DeSAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. DeSAULNIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of longtime Concord resident, Diane Lorenzetti.

Diane, affectionately known as "Miss Diane," was born in Concord, California in 1943 to loving parents Ettore and Emily Lorenzetti. While attending Holy Names College, Diane worked part-time as a pre-school teacher for the City of Concord. In 1974, she left the classroom and became the Director of the Concord Senior Center.

Over the next 29 years, Diane worked tirelessly to ensure a pleasant and engaging experience for all visiting seniors. It is said that she made the center feel like a second home

and challenged herself to remember the names of everyone she met. During her tenure as Director, Diane was an important and reliable figure in the Concord senior community.

As the executive producer of the Concord Senior Citizen's Club, Diane directed a number of shows such as Talent Recycled, which played to hundreds of fans at the Senior Center, the Willows Theatre, and the Concord Pavilion. It was important to Diane to allow the seniors who participated to express themselves creatively and feel a sense of community.

On top of her work with the senior community, Diane was very active with the Druids of California and was a member of the local chapter starting in 1960. She also served as a member of the Young Ladies institute where she worked to support the Catholic faith, encourage apostolic and charitable works, and celebrate Italian American heritage.

Diane will be sorely missed, and her lasting impact will long be remembered in the Concord community.

RECOGNIZING VIET BAO DAILY
NEWS AND WRITING ON AMERICA

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate Viet Bao Daily News for the 20th anniversary of the Writing on America program. Viet Bao Daily News introduced Writing on America twenty years ago, on April 30, 2000, which marked the 25th anniversary of the beginning of a new Vietnamese population in the United States of America.

In the face of adversity, the Vietnamese community in the U.S. has demonstrated commendable resilience and strength, building a home for themselves and laying a strong foundation for generations of Vietnamese Americans to come. Viet Bao, one of the most well-respected and widely read sources of Vietnamese daily news, has become an integral part of this legacy.

Outside of being a reliable news source for the Vietnamese community, Viet Bao's Writing on America program has fostered the stories of Vietnamese and Vietnamese American individuals traversing the negative impacts of the Vietnam War and the Vietnamese diaspora. The program hosts an annual writing contest for the Vietnamese community to submit essays on their unique overseas experiences. The top winners of the contest are given a monetary award, but all approved submissions are published daily in Viet Bao and aggregated into a book available for purchase online. These stories attract more than 80,000 readers per year.

The Writing on America program became a tool of healing for the individuals sharing their stories and for the individuals who could relate to their experiences. It is also an archive of Vietnamese history in America, one that is filled with the grief of leaving one's home country, an unrelenting belief in the American dream, and the hope for a future of happiness and prosperity. Over time, it has become a forum for celebrating the achievements and joys of the Vietnamese community.

Viet Bao is an exceptional example of the balance between the preservation of the Vietnamese language and culture with the need to establish a strong presence in America. For the past twenty years, Viet Bao has been building a collection of the most heartfelt and humanizing stories of Vietnamese survival, family, and revitalization, and uplifting these stories to a broader audience. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Viet Bao on cementing their place as a bridge between Vietnamese and Vietnamese Americans, old and young, and I wish them success for many more years to come. Thank you for your commitment to enriching the lives and experiences of the Vietnamese community in the U.S.

HONORING WILLIAM E. "BILL"
MCGONAGLE

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of William E. "Bill" McGonagle, in recognition of his wonderful service, for over forty years, on behalf of the City of Boston and the thousands of families who reside in public housing in our City.

The son of Jeannette and Daniel McGonagle, Bill is the third of six children. A true son of South Boston, Bill spent his early childhood on Lennon Court in South Boston and the remainder of his childhood in the Mary Ellen McCormack housing development in South Boston (named after Speaker John McCormack's mother). Bill attended the Gate of Heaven Grammar School and High School prior to his graduation from South Boston High School.

While Bill is a veteran, having enlisted in the Naval Reserves and attended University of Massachusetts at Boston, Bill has had the tremendous good fortune to be married to his wife Ellen for 47 years. They have been blessed with three children, Matthew, Mark and Alyson.

Bill started his career at the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) in 1981 as a member of BHA's Department of Public Safety, where he worked to combat violence and drug abuse in public housing. His compassion and work ethic were quickly recognized by BHA Receiver Harry Spence and Bill was chosen to participate in a BHA-sponsored management training program, which included graduate-level management classes at the Boston University School of Social Work. Bill was quickly promoted from a public housing development manager to area director overseeing the management of BHA's thirty-seven elderly and disabled public housing developments throughout Boston addressing the needs of thousands of seniors and disabled citizens.

Bill later served as executive assistant to then BHA Administrator Doris Bunte where he served as the liaison between the BHA and residents in the public housing developments in South Boston and Charlestown. Many resident leaders have noted that Bill had tremendous credibility and connected with many of the tenants because of his own upbringing in public housing. His compassion and understanding have earned him the deep and abiding respect of the residents of public housing

as well as the many political leaders who shared the responsibility for meeting the needs of residents. While there were some rough patches in the history of the public housing developments across Boston, Bill McGonagle has been the bridge from those troubled times to today, when the revitalization of major housing developments is taking place all across Boston.

Bill was appointed Deputy Administrator on April 1, 1992. He served in that role for 17 years for three administrators: David Cortiella, Joseph Feaster, and Sandra Henriquez.

And on June 11, 2009, Mayor Thomas M. Menino made one of the best decisions in his long career and appointed Bill as Administrator for the Boston Housing Authority. And later, in his infinite wisdom, Mayor Martin J. Walsh asked Bill to continue in that capacity as part of his administration, much to the joy of public housing residents across the City.

Since becoming Administrator, Bill has been the driving force in the revitalization of many of the housing developments throughout the city of Boston, including the Anne M. Lynch Homes at Old Colony and the transformation of the Mary Ellen McCormack Development.

Over the years, Bill has been recognized for his commitment, loyalty and dedication to the city of Boston and its public housing residents, receiving the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts (ULEM) President's Award, the J. Lincoln Durand Award from the Massachusetts Union of Public Housing Tenants and the John W. McCormack Public Service Award.

Madam Speaker, while Bill is not a person of many hobbies, he is a rabid Celtics fan in the greatest Boston tradition. He prides himself on being a history buff and amazes all with his knowledge of American history. Over the last decade, Bill and Ellen have reveled in their favorite passion, spoiling their five grandchildren Maggie, Andrew, Lucy, Evelyn and Calvin.

Alas, not one to go quietly into retirement, Bill, not only intends to spend time with his family, he recently earned a certificate in substance abuse counseling from UMass-Boston and he plans to work in substance recovery, continuing his dedication and commitment to serving others. Just take a moment and think about that one. Talk about a good guy.

Madam Speaker, Bill leaves a legacy of tirelessly working for tenants and breaking down barriers. It is my distinct honor to take to the floor of the House today to join with the family and many friends and the thousands of families in public housing and advocates for affordable housing all across our Country who want to say thank you to William E. "Bill" McGonagle for his forty years of remarkable service to his community of South Boston and the public housing residents of Boston.

HONORING TIMOTHY J. CASSIDY
FOR RETIRING AS PRESIDENT
OF THE PEORIA, ILLINOIS PARK
DISTRICT

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Mr. LAHOOD. Madam Speaker, I would like to honor and congratulate Tim Cassidy on his retirement as the Peoria Park District President.

Tim retired after twenty-seven years of presiding over the Park District. Tim dedicated thirty-two years of public service, of which nearly three decades have been in leadership. As a member on the Peoria Zoological Commission, Tim worked towards making the Peoria Zoo one of the best in Illinois. Dutifully, Tim received the Tom Conner Award for Volunteer Community Service in 2009, and the Commissioner of the Year Award, the highest honor granted by the Illinois Association of Park Districts.

Along with being involved with the Park District, Tim has also served as the acting Chairman of the Riverfront Business District Commission. His resolve to be a positive influence is something we can all be proud of. Our area is fortunate to have someone so dedicated to the betterment of our community.

I am grateful for Tim's time and commitment to Central Illinois. His work as a public servant has left a legacy in our community that will remain for generations to come.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ARPA-E
REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2019

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I am very pleased to introduce the ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2019 with my colleague, Mr. Lamb, who is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy.

Even though the agency is still relatively young, ARPA-E has already demonstrated incredible success in advancing high-risk, high-reward energy technology solutions that neither the public nor the private sector had been willing or able to support in the past. Industry leaders like Bill Gates and Norm Augustine have repeatedly called for tripling this agency's budget given the unique role that it is now playing in our energy innovation pipeline.

ARPA-E's impressive track record now includes over \$2.9 billion in private sector follow-on funding for a group of 145 ARPA-E projects since the agency's founding in 2009. Equally notable, 76 projects have formed new companies and 131 projects have shown enough promise to result in partnerships with other government agencies for further development. Moreover, as of March 2019, ARPA-E projects have helped advance scientific understanding and technological innovation through 2,489 peer-reviewed journal articles and 346 patents issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Yet to date, ARPA-E has only been able to support about 1 percent of the proposals submitted for its open funding opportunities, and 12 percent of the proposals submitted for its focused programs, even though the number of promising, high quality proposals that the agency has received is many times higher.

This is why the ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2019 authorizes substantial growth in funding for the agency over the next five years. This growth is consistent with the original recommendations of the National Academies for establishing and supporting ARPA-E in its seminal *Rising Above the Gathering Storm* report, as well as more recent strong recommendations from well-respected bipartisan