

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