

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

and nonpartisan institutions such as the Bipartisan Policy Center's American Energy Innovation Council, the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, and the Energy Futures Initiative.

I'd also note that in its review of the program released in June 2017, the National Academies found that a substantial increase in funding would be necessary for ARPA-E to be able to sufficiently support the scale-up of particularly promising technologies, such as advanced technologies for energy storage and power electronics, that were previously supported by the agency. But many of these new approaches are still too risky to be supported by the private sector alone, and too often, other DOE programs remain ill-suited to steward them.

So by authorizing these resources, this bill ensures that ARPA-E is able to fully pursue the development and eventual commercialization of truly transformational clean energy technologies, just as DARPA, the agency that ARPA-E is modeled, has been able to demonstrate time and again for defense applications.

Other improvements in this bill include explicit authorization for ARPA-E to better address DOE's significant nuclear waste clean-up and management issues, for which the Department currently spends several billion dollars every year attempting to manage with current technologies. And it includes authorization for ARPA-E to support projects to improve the resilience, reliability, and security of our energy infrastructure.

The ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2019 incorporates extensive feedback from stakeholders, as well as input we received during a hearing the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology held on February 26th entitled *The Future of ARPA-E*. It also incorporates constructive language from a bill that I cosponsored with my friend, Mr. Lucas, who is now Ranking Member of the Committee, last year.

This bill is endorsed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the Council on Competitiveness, the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC), the Association of American Universities (AAU), the Association of Public & Land-grant Universities (APLU), the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), the American Gas Association (AGA), the Energy Storage Association (ESA), the Carbon Utilization Research Council (CURC), the American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE), the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), the American Council for Capital Formation (ACCF), Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions (CRES), ConservAmerica, the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), the Task Force on American Innovation (TFAI), Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2), the American Chemical Society (ACS), the Optical Society of America (OSA), IEEE-USA, the Task Force on American Innovation (TFAI), the Energy Sciences Coalition (ESC), and the Gas Technology Institute (GTI).

Given this broad and deep support from the leading industrial, academic, scientific, and environmental organizations of our nation, I look forward to advancing this bill through the Committee in the coming months. And I will continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to build support for this crit-

ical investment in our nation's clean energy future.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF PENNYTOWN'S 148TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, it brings me great joy to rise today to commemorate the 148th anniversary of Pennytown, Missouri. Founded by former slaves, this historic town stands as a declaration of what people can accomplish in the face of adversity. Today, their descendants gather to honor the memory of a remarkable chapter of Missouri's history.

Joseph Penny, the founder and visionary of Pennytown, was a former slave from Kentucky. Mr. Penny, like many, joined the Great Migration north, hoping for a better and more prosperous life. Penny started as a tenant farmer in the late 1860s, but his life changed in March of 1871 when he paid \$160 for eight acres of land in Saline County, Missouri. The purchase of this land marked the birth of Pennytown. During a time when black Americans were not allowed to own land in many parts of the country, Pennytown became a haven. By 1879, eleven land acquisitions had been made. This town became a testament to the residents' commitment to maintaining autonomy while helping former slaves in reconstruction. At its peak, approximately 1,000 freed slaves and their descendants lived in Pennytown, forming the largest concentration of black-owned land in Saline County.

At first sight, Pennytown did not appear to be much. The town only consisted of two churches, a school and a store. However, this small collection of farms and buildings made up a mighty microeconomy. Pennytown was a vibrant community, strongly intertwined and loyal. The men would venture from house to house during the holidays to chop wood for every family, and the women gathered weekly to create goods that could be sold, using the proceeds to create a communal emergency fund. The descendants of Pennytown help the legacy of the community live on for younger generations through stories of the origins and efforts it took to create such a town.

Today, the Pennytown Freewill Baptist Church provides a tangible reminder of rural life for African Americans in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, while preserving the integrity of location, design, and feeling. Much like today, churches in the past served as much more than just places of worship, and the Pennytown church was no different. With its Baptist gatherings, social events, and communal celebrations, the church was a testament to the perseverance of a community who had, just six years earlier, witnessed the abolition of slavery. This community lasted a few decades, but the unpredictability of time has removed most visible reminders of its existence. The Pennytown Freewill Baptist Church is the last reminder of what this town once was. The Pennytown descendants who own the church gather together the first Sunday of every August to celebrate and honor their rich history and to remind all of us that the past is truly present in our world today.

Madam Speaker, please join me and the entirety of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in honoring the history of Freewill Baptist Church and Pennytown as they celebrate an anniversary of one hundred and forty-eight years since the founding. I welcome my colleagues and fellow citizens across the country to join me and the constituents of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District in reflecting upon the impactful history held within this one small church.

#### RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON HUAWEI BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise to bring additional attention to the national security threat that Chinese state-sponsored entities like Huawei pose to our telecommunication networks and national security.

This past week, I wrote to Secretary Ross at the Department of Commerce to consider Huawei's track record of espionage and intellectual property theft when enforcing restrictions on their trade with U.S. companies.

With the backing of the Chinese government, Huawei has attempted to weaponize patent claims in U.S. courts and to create vulnerabilities in our communications networks.

Restrictions placed on Huawei by the U.S. federal government were done to address their pattern of illicit behavior.

We need to continue to stop this Chinese state-sponsored entity from having access to our networks when they have so brazenly exploited U.S. companies and intellectual property for Chinese espionage and ill-gotten gains.

#### CONGRATULATING SENIOR OFFICER JON PETTIT ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF EULESS, TEXAS

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 30, 2019*

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jon Pettit on his well-earned retirement from the City of Euless, Texas Police Department after twenty years of dedicated service as a law enforcement officer.

Jon is a hardworking and highly respected Senior Officer of the Euless Police Department. He has honorably served his community since beginning his distinguished career with the Euless Police Department as a Public Service Officer where he served for four years, gaining valuable experience in jail operations. In 2004, Jon was promoted to Officer where he would continue to serve the department in numerous capacities over the next sixteen years, exhibiting the highest level of professionalism.

Throughout his time as an officer in Euless, Jon has received over 35 police commendations as evidence of his outstanding service