

Westside project. In fact, all the benefits of Westside Light Rail which I have touted in Congress for 4 years—the reduced congestion, the economic development, the tie-in with local and State land use laws—are closer to reality with each passing day.

Mr. Chairman, let me add that light rail in Oregon enjoys bipartisan support. Regardless of who has controlled the House of Representatives, I have secured record funding for Westside Light Rail for 4 straight years. My colleague from Oregon, Mr. BUNN, has worked very diligently on including language in H.R. 3675 for the South/North light rail line. I look forward to working with all members of the Oregon delegation during the reauthorization of ISTEA to help secure authorizing language for the South/North light rail project in 1997.

Again, Chairman WOLF, members of the subcommittee, thank you for your past support of the Westside/Hillsboro project. I urge all Members of the House to support H.R. 3675.

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TRIBUTE TO MARY B. HENRY

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 1996*

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, today we pay tribute to Mary B. Henry, a distinguished Californian and friend, who has served the Los Angeles community with distinction for over 30 years. Currently executive director of the Avalon-Carver Community Center, where she began her career in 1963, Mary B. Henry has worked diligently to enhance the quality of life in the community and enrich the educational lives of our young people. Ms. Henry's commitment to and accomplishments in the field of education, and her tireless work with various community and civic organizations remind us of just how much of a difference one person can make in the lives of others.

Ms. Henry has spent over three decades expanding her knowledge and imparting her wisdom in a variety of venues. She was elected to the Compton Unified School District Board, serving an unprecedented three terms as president of the Board. As an educational training consultant she has been affiliated with a number of universities. She has trained and conducted seminars in community relations at the University of California at Los Angeles, San Diego, and Santa Barbara; the University of Southern California; and Pacific Oaks College, among others. She has also lent her expertise to organizations such as Operation Head Start.

Over the years, Ms. Henry has been affiliated with numerous educational, service, and professional organizations, including the California Center for Community Development; Legislative Committee to the State Department of Social Welfare; Women's Job Core Advisory Board; Citizen's Committee for Community Action; EYOA Head Start Task Force; and the California Committee on Regional Medical Programs. She has served as a commissioner

of the Southeast General Hospital Authority and as a board member of the Los Angeles Urban Coalition. She is currently affiliated with the California Department of Health and Welfare Committee on Minority Incarceration and the Lutheran World Federation Community Development Committee among others.

Mary Henry's outstanding career has not been unnoticed. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors. Among them: the Los Angeles Times Woman of the Year Award, 1967; Parent-Teacher Association Outstanding Achievement in Community Service Award; Doctorate of Humanities from Windsor University, Los Angeles; and Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, from the University of Santa Clara, California. At the State level, she has been honored by the California State Assembly, Governor Jerry Brown, and the California State Senate. At the national level her contributions have been recognized over the years by Presidents John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Jimmy Carter, Vice President Hubert Humphrey, and Members of Congress.

On Saturday, July 13, 1996, friends and colleagues of Ms. Mary B. Henry will gather at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles to pay tribute to this outstanding public servant for her untiring commitment to our community. Her life serves as an inspiration to us all. We are honored to share this brief glimpse of a very remarkable individual, and to ask our colleagues to join us and our fellow Los Angelenos in saluting Mary Henry.

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SISTER KATHERINE MURPHY—50  
YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 27, 1996*

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed, an honor for me to bring to the attention of the U.S. House of Representatives and this Nation the celebration of 50 years of devotion to the Sisters of Mercy of Sister Katherine Murphy. The parishioners of St. Francis Catholic Church in Traverse City, MI, the community, her religious order, and the Church, as a whole, have been blessed by her long and dedicated service. This Sunday, June 30, 1996, Sister Katherine will be the guest of honor at a parish dinner.

Born in Detroit, MI, on March 8, 1930, Sister Katherine was the only child of Mae Florence (Henry) and Daniel Murphy. As Sister Katherine's life demonstrates, the Irish heritage is strong in faith and family.

Not long after Sister Katherine's birth, the family moved to Dearborn, MI, where she was enrolled at the Sacred Heart School through the ninth grade. Sacred Heart School was staffed by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and in the eighth grade she was first exposed to the idea of serving and living her Catholic faith. Even at this young age, Katherine was confident of what she wanted to do with her life and entered Our Lady of Mercy Academy, on September 8, 1946.

After completing her studies at the academy, Katherine Murphy was received into the Order of Sisters of Mercy on March 12, 1947, at the age of 17. Sister Katherine accepted the name of Sister Mary Brendan in honor of

the patron saint of her father's hometown of Killorglin, County Kerry, Ireland. She professed her final vows on August 16, 1952, and continued her education by completing her bachelor's of arts degree from Mercy College in Detroit; then a masters of arts degree from Cardinal Stritch College in Milwaukee, WI; and finally a degree in pastoral ministry from Seattle University in Seattle, WA.

Although not known to possess a strong desire to teach, Sister Mary Brendan accepted her first teaching assignment at the second grade class in Berkley, MI and discovered that she truly had a great love for teaching young children. For the next 31 years, Sister Katherine taught in the primary grades from 1949 until 1980. During that period, Sister Katherine's assignments included the Immaculate Conception School in Traverse City in 1955, 1968, and again in 1971.

As changes occurred in the religious orders, in 1969, Sister Mary Brendan took back her own name and has since been known as Sister Katherine. On August 1, 1981, she began her ministry at St. Francis Parish in Traverse City with Father Thomas Neis. As Sister Katherine's ministry continues at St. Francis, she has served with Father Ron Gronowski and with Father Jim Gardiner. Father Gardiner recently bestowed upon Sister Katherine the title of Pastoral Associate at St. Francis Parish.

As an active and integral member of the St. Francis Parish staff, Sister Katherine's current duties include directing the OCIA formation program, overseeing the altar servers, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers for the parish and for nursing homes. She is also chairperson of the liturgy commission, a member of the evangelical team and serves on the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

In addition to her official duties, Sister Katherine has also found time to travel, visiting Ireland, the Holy Land, Manila, and traveling throughout Europe and several cities across the United States.

Mr. Speaker, Sister Katherine has devoted her life to the Catholic Church through her order, the Sisters of Mercy for half a century. She has provided education, counsel, comfort, and spiritual guidance to so many who have had the privilege of knowing her.

There is a special bond between Sister Katherine, the Traverse City community and St. Francis Parish. When Jesus told Sister Katherine to "Come, follow Me," 50 years ago, scripture promised:

And everyone who has left house, . . . father or mother . . . for my name's sake shall receive a hundredfold, and shall possess life everlasting." Matt 19:20

All of us in the Traverse City community and especially here at St. Francis Parish, wish to be among the hundredfold who count as part of Sister Katherine's family and ministry. Sister Katherine's devotion, faith, and life serves as an everlasting example to us all.

On behalf of the Traverse City community, Michigan's First Congressional District, and the State of Michigan, I congratulate and extend best wishes to Sister Katherine Murphy on her lifetime of accomplishments, devotion and faith.

BART STUPAK  
Member of Congress

THE 1996 JC PENNY GOLDEN RULE  
AWARD

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 1996

Mr. PRYCE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to the outstanding philanthropic efforts of the 17 semifinalists for the 1996 JC Penny Golden Rule Award. I am proud to represent these people and organizations in Congress, for their commitment and devotion to the central Ohio community is truly exemplary.

The Golden Rule Award ceremony publicly honors local volunteer efforts, and is presented in more than 200 markets in 45 States. The 1996 semifinalists have proven themselves to be clearly deserving of this recognition, having demonstrated continued, selfless sacrifice to the Columbus, OH, area. They serve as a model to us all.

America's generosity both at home and abroad is unsurpassed on this planet. Regrettably, however, the day-to-day volunteer efforts of so many Americans go regularly unnoticed. We take for granted their generous work with the poor, the elderly, the sick, and the neglected. But their unheralded and noble deeds are duly noted by those they help, often providing a bit of hope during times of great distress.

At a time when our Nation demands that government become smaller and spend less, the importance of voluntarism and community service grows profoundly. These semifinalists prove once again that the most important work done in our country is not done within the beltway, but within the shelters, pantries, and soup kitchens of our local communities. We must never lose sight of the fact that Americans' innate sense of sacrifice continues regardless of what may transpire in Washington.

I proudly salute the following people and organizations for their inspiring work, and join with my colleagues in congratulating them for this most deserving recognition.

Ms. Julie Rose Cook, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Franklin County Volunteer Guardian Program, Hyatt Force on Capitol Square, Bob Merideth/Skip Teaford—Christmas in April.

Parents of Murdered Children and Other Survivors of Homicide, Capital University Circle Kiwanis, Residential Care Team, Teen Parent Connection Volunteers.

Kaleidoscope Youth Coalition, L.E.A.D.E.R. Institute, Jean "Rambo Granny" Smith, Rick Baumann, Dorothy Burchfield, Dianne Glaser, Dora Browne.

FLORIDA CRUSHED STONE WINNER  
OF THE SENTINELS OF SAFETY  
AWARD

HON. KAREN L. THURMAN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 1996

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to draw the attention of my colleagues to a great achievement registered by one of the leading companies in the 5th Congressional District of Florida.

Florida Crushed Stone of Brooksville has earned the reputation for being one of the

safest rock mining companies in America. This distinction did not come about by accident. It took an enormous amount of dedication, determination and attention to detail to make steady improvements in safety year after year.

Mr. Speaker, recently, one mine owned by Florida Crushed Stone, the Gregg Mine, was honored with the Sentinels of Safety Award. The Gregg Mine garnered this award three other times, in 1986, 1990 and 1994.

The Sentinels of Safety Award is a national award for outstanding safety in the mining industry and is presented by the Mine Safety and Health Administration and the National Mining Association.

Mr. Speaker, to qualify for the award, a mine has to have accumulated 30,000 man hours of work with no accidents or deaths. Mr. Speaker, the Gregg Mine went far beyond this level, accumulating a staggering 198,050 man hours of work without a serious injury or loss of life.

My congratulations go out to Mr. F. Browne Gregg, chief executive officer; Carl Lunderstadt, president; Joe Piermatteo, senior vice president; Billy Lee the general manager; and Bryan Adkins, gregg mine safety manager.

These company officials have obviously made safety a very high company priority and have instilled the goal of safety in the minds of every one of their employees.

CONGRATULATIONS MARGARET  
ANGELA BAKER ON HER 100th  
BIRTHDAY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, Jr.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 1996

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Margaret Angela Baker of South Amboy, NJ, a valued and cherished member of our community, on her 100th birthday.

Margaret Baker was born in South Amboy on July 11, 1896. Her father passed away when she was 3 years old and her mother, Catherine Ketzner, remarried when she was 9, to the owner and operator of a saloon, named Jacob Baker. Margaret Baker left school after the ninth grade and began working in a factory piecing together clothing. She then worked in a playing card factory and then went on to work in a factory that manufactured military uniforms, where she worked her way up to full-time inspector, while doing part-time clerical work.

Margaret met Mr. John Joseph Dooling on a bus when she was in her 20's. John and Margaret were married March 23, 1924, in Saint Mary's Roman Catholic Church in South Amboy. The couple had a daughter, Rita Catherine Dooling who was born on September 8, 1929, in South Amboy Hospital. John passed away in 1959 at the age of 70. Margaret has three grandchildren: Jamie C. Smith, Karen H. Brent and Amy S. Moore. In addition, she has five great grandchildren: Emily, Christopher, Meghan, Tyler, and Kaitlin, ranging from age 5 years to 2 months.

Mr. Speaker, as she reaches the century mark Mrs. Baker can look back on a 20th century that has seen America and the world transformed in ways that could scarcely have been imagined in her childhood. For example,

during her lifetime, Mrs. Baker witnessed many inventions and technological breakthroughs, including automobiles, electricity, and telephones.

Mr. Speaker, I am indeed honored to join in congratulating Margaret Angela Baker on this remarkable milestone.

1996 ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF  
HONOR RECIPIENTS

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 1996

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, every year, the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations honors Americans from all ethnic backgrounds with its Ellis Island Medal of Honor. This year, I was deeply honored to be one of the recipients of this prestigious award.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of this year's honorees. It is a distinguished group of Americans, including my colleagues, Senator SPENCER ABRAHAM, Congressmen BEN GILMAN, RAY LAHOOD, TOM MANTON and CHARLIE RANGEL.

The Ethnic Coalition of Organizations is dedicated to pursuing harmony between all ethnic groups. This is a goal which I applaud. I would like to enter into the RECORD a press release announcing these awards, and a list of these distinguished award recipients.

ELLIS ISLAND MEDALS OF HONOR AWARDS  
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THE 10TH ANNUAL ELLIS ISLAND MEDALS OF HONOR AWARDS CEREMONY—NECO CHAIRMAN WILLIAM DENIS FUGAZY LEADS DRAMATIC CEREMONY DEDICATED TO LATE MEDAL RECIPIENT, CONGRESSWOMAN BARBARA JORDAN

ELLIS ISLAND, NY, MAY 19.—Standing on the hallowed grounds of Ellis Island—the portal through which 17 million immigrants entered the United States—a cast of ethnic Americans who have made significant contributions to the life of this nation, among them Gov. George E. Pataki, U.S. Rep. Charles B. Rangel, NYC Police Commissioner Howard Safir, and "street singer" Arthur Tracy, today were presented with the coveted Ellis Island Medal of Honor at an emotionally uplifting ceremony.

NECO's annual medal ceremony and reception on Ellis Island in New York Harbor is the Nation's largest celebration of ethnic pride. This year's 10th annual event was dedicated to the memory of U.S. Rep. Barbara Jordan, a 1990 Ellis Island Medal recipient, who recently passed away.

Representing a rainbow of ethnic origins, Pataki, Rangel, Safir, Tracy, and other Ellis Island Medal of Honor recipients, including Baltimore Orioles baseball team owner Peter Angelos, entertainer Jerry Vale and NAACP President Hazel Dukes, among others, received their awards in the shadow of the historic Great Hall, where the first footsteps were taken by the millions of immigrants who entered the U.S. in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

"Today we honor great ethnic Americans who, through their achievements and contributions, and in the spirit of their ethnic origins, have enriched this country and have become role models for future generations," said NECO Chairman William Denis Fugazy. "In addition, we honor the immigrant experience—those who passed through this Great Hall decades ago, and the new immigrants who arrive on American soil seeking opportunity. Everyone came here with little more