

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.

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.

SISTER KATHERINE MURPHY—50
YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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