

Madam Speaker, it is long overdue for Congress to protect these individuals who, for too long, have lived in limbo and in the shadows. I am proud to have voted in for the American Dream and Promise Act which would provide vital and humane protections for Dreamers, TPS, and DED recipients. After all, they are integral members of our community, they each have an American story, and they are deeply woven into the fabric of this nation.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MRS.
NANNIE E. WILKINS

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Mrs. Nannie E. Wilkins, a matriarch of CA–24's NAACP Chapter. Mrs. Wilkins was described as "a social justice and human and civil rights champion," because of her hard work fighting for equal rights in the Central Coast.

Nannie Elizabeth Browning was born in Mebane, North Carolina on March 13, 1927 to John Henry Browning and Annie Pearl Richmond. As a young woman, she studied at North Carolina AT&T and earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Commercial Education—an extraordinary accomplishment for women of color at the time. In 1951, Nannie E. Browning married Smiley Edward Wilkins, a member of the U.S. Air Force. Nannie was an ambitious go-getter; she encouraged Smiley to become an officer and used her education and fiscal know-how to raise and run the family.

In 1972, after Smiley retired from the military, the Wilkins family moved to Lompoc, where Nannie continued her life in community and public service. She selflessly served as a hospice volunteer and on the Executive Committee of the Santa Maria-Lompoc Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for more than forty-three years.

Alongside her husband, former President of the NAACP, she tackled race-based discrimination in their community. She was a Silver Life and Golden Heritage member of the NAACP, serving as the Communication, Press & Publicity Chair. Among her valiant strides towards justice, she also served as a Diaconate at the Valley of the Flowers United Church of Christ for thirty years and was a dedicated member of Lompoc Alpha Club for twenty-five years.

Nannie passed away on May 9, 2019 at her home in Lompoc, California at the age of ninety-two. Her soul and legacy as a Civil Rights champion lives on in her loving family, her friends, and every community member liberated and inspired by her courageous efforts.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to join the nation and the Wilkins Family in celebrating the special life of Nannie Elizabeth Wilkins.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF MR. SID STAFFORD

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize World War II veteran Sid Stafford, in celebration of his 100th birthday and for his service to the United States of America.

Mr. Stafford was born and raised in South Texas before joining the U.S. Army in 1941. His military service took him across the world to serve his country in the European Campaign during World War II. Mr. Stafford was in a tank platoon where he worked as a mechanic. Across much of North Africa and Europe, he courageously fought for the safety of Americans and people around the globe against the Nazi regime.

After being honorably discharged from the military in September of 1945, Mr. Stafford settled down on his farm in Hallsville, Texas, where he met his wife, Mrs. Nitalene Waldron. Together, they raised two beautiful daughters in East Texas. Mrs. Stafford passed away on March 15th of this year, and they would have celebrated their 68th anniversary yesterday, June 4th. Throughout his life, Mr. Stafford has made a positive impact on his East Texas community and it is an honor to call him my friend. No matter what life has in store for him, he has always made one thing clear: the importance of trusting in the Lord with all of your heart.

Madam Speaker, it is because of the sacrifices made by men and women like Mr. Sid Stafford that we are able to enjoy the freedoms which we all hold so dear. Let us not forget this great generation. We thank Mr. Stafford for the contribution he has made in preserving our liberty and we wish him a very happy 100th birthday.

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL
OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE
HOUSE

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 200th birthday of the New Hampshire State House, also known as the "People's House."

Standing in beautiful downtown Concord, the State House was designed in 1814 by architect Stuart Park and opened on June 2, 1819. It is the oldest state capitol in which both houses of the legislature meet in their original chambers and is home to the largest legislative body in our nation, with 400 members. As the first significant granite building in New Hampshire, the State House was a symbol of the growing granite industry in Concord and our state.

While additions and updates have been made over the years to accommodate government entities such as the General Court, the Secretary of State, and the State Treasurer, the State House remains a focal point in Concord and a source of pride for New Hampshire two centuries after opening.

On behalf of my constituents across New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank the State House Bicentennial Commission for organizing this 200th birthday celebration and I send my deepest appreciation to everyone who maintains this historic, beautiful building.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF DR. ISAAC JOSEPH

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. RICHMOND. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Isaac Joseph, a veteran educator and the first African-American superintendent of the Jefferson Parish Public School System. Dr. Joseph passed away on Monday, June 3, 2019 at the age of 64.

Dr. Joseph was a graduate of Southern University at Baton Rouge, where he earned a B.S. degree in Health and Physical Education and a Master of Education in Guidance and Counseling. He completed all coursework towards a doctoral degree in educational leadership from the University of New Orleans.

Dr. Joseph led Louisiana's largest school district from 2015 to 2018. In 2018, Dr. Joseph resigned as the leader of Jefferson schools.

In 1986 Dr. Joseph began his career in education as a teacher in Jefferson Parish. Throughout his career he served in a variety of roles including principal, assistant superintendent of human resources, and executive director of grants and federal programs.

In 1987 and 1989, Dr. Joseph was bestowed the Waggaman School Teacher of the Year award. Less than a decade later, Dr. Joseph was named Educator of the Year by the National Council on Educating Black Children.

Dr. Joseph loved the city and the people of New Orleans. His legacy will forever be a part of the city and his dedication to community embodies the spirit of New Orleans. We cannot match the sacrifices made by Dr. Joseph, but surely, we can try to match his sense of service. We cannot match his courage, but we can strive to match his devotion.

Dr. Joseph is survived by a wife, Faith. The couple had a son and Dr. Joseph had two other sons and daughters.

Madam Speaker, I celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Isaac Joseph.

IN HONOR OF KAREN HANRAHAN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Ms. Hanrahan, the retiring Head of School at Mercy High School Burlingame. Ms. Hanrahan has been a strong leader of this school for the past six years and is beloved on campus. I deeply admire her and feel privileged to call her a great friend.

During her time at Mercy, the school has benefitted greatly through her leadership. Mercy is a school where girls are taught to become leaders. In Ms. Hanrahan, they have a

tremendous role model. When she arrived, the school's enrollment was declining. She reversed the trend. Her interactions with students are a joy to observe. Smiles break out, sometimes hugs ensue, but students also know that she has high standards. Ms. Hanrahan stresses the belief of the Sisters of Mercy that every student is capable of improving herself and that every student should give back to the community. She imbues the value of social justice in the students through hands-on experiences. For example, a few years ago several Mercy girls joined me and a group of Rosie the Riveters at a rally to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

While at Mercy, the budget has been placed on sound footing. She's now raising funds for a \$12 million gymnasium and activities center, the first building on campus where all students will be able to assemble at once. In just eight months, \$2.3 million has been pledged. She once calmly explained to my staff that it would certainly require work to raise \$12 million but that it was doable, and then briefly explained the nuts and bolts of raising this extraordinary sum. She is demonstrating great leadership even now as she has been working over many months to train her replacement. It is apparent that the transition will go smoothly.

She emphasized to parents that science and technology play a big role in Mercy's curriculum, while also stressing the importance of a broad education. Mercy offers 37 AP courses ranging from biology to calculus to history and even studio art in 3D. There are 18 honors courses in sciences and the humanities. Ms. Hanrahan works with department heads to ensure that Mercy's curriculum offers a breadth of study that allows each student to reach her fullest potential. As an enthusiastic sports fan, she celebrates when Mercy's teams excel, as they often do. As the Head of School, Ms. Hanrahan is remarkably down to earth and models for the students that no one should take him or herself too seriously. During Mercy week, she dyed a streak of her hair royal blue, one of the school colors.

Karen Hanrahan began her career as the Director of Development at yet another Catholic school for girls, Cornelia Connelly School in Anaheim, California. As she would in several other later positions, Ms. Hanrahan raised funds to bring facilities up to date and to close budget deficits. For example, at Bishop Hendricken High School in Warwick, Rhode Island, she supervised admissions and alumnae, and was responsible for the annual fund and handled all communications. She then moved on to numerous other accomplishments in Catholic schools, and at one private school, throughout the country.

However, it was in Baltimore that she met her pre-Mercy community and education challenges that would prepare her for her years at Mercy. In Baltimore, she became the Executive Director of the Baltimore City Police Memorial Fund. She spent two years raising funds to ensure that fallen officers would never be forgotten. She then became the President and CEO of two Catholic schools, one a co-ed pre-K to 8th and the other an all-girls high school.

At Seton Keough High School and Holy Angels Catholic School, Ms. Hanrahan was the Energizer Bunny who did it all. She was involved in marketing, communications, and fundraising. She supervised all finances, developed budgets and strategic plans, and was

the face of the school in the community. She reduced the deficit of the two schools by 50 percent and reinvigorated the curriculum. She did everything imaginable to give the students of these two schools an outstanding education.

As Ms. Hanrahan came onboard from Baltimore, she knew that Mercy Burlingame also needed help. Ever the optimist, she dove right in, and she delivered through extraordinary self-discipline and an engaging personal style.

Today, the banner on the school's website says, "Be known. Be Challenged. Be Transformed." This could describe Ms. Hanrahan. She's known, been challenged, and has transformed the school into a stronger and better Mercy. She deserves a rest, but it would be unwise to call it a retirement because leaders like Ms. Hanrahan neither retire nor fade away. They listen closely to the next great calling, and then patiently re-engage in the exciting enterprise of creating a better tomorrow. We all await the day when we learn that Ms. Hanrahan has again set her sights upon a goal because it will likely be in service to a cause that enriches both us and our nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF PETER J.
MURDOCK'S LIFE AND LEGACY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peter J. Murdock's lifetime of service. Mr. Murdock passed away on May 4, 2019 which greatly saddened our community. His lifetime of service to the Ypsilanti community is worthy of commendation.

Mr. Murdock was a fixture of the Ypsilanti community. He moved to Ypsilanti, Michigan from his hometown of Boston, Massachusetts in the 1960s. Immediately after arriving, he became involved with the Ypsilanti Tenants' Union. He was employed at Motor Wheel and the Ford Rawsonville plant and was a key member of the local UAW chapter. For the remainder of his career, Mr. Murdock worked with the Ypsilanti Recycling Project and Recycle Ann Arbor. Mr. Murdock was elected to the Ypsilanti City Council from 1978 to 1982 and became the Mayor of the City of Ypsilanti in 1982 where he served for three consecutive terms. After his tenure as Mayor, he returned to the Ypsilanti City Council from 1991 until 1993, and from 2008 until his passing. During that time, he attended Eastern Michigan University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1996.

Mr. Murdock and his wife Grace Sweeney were dedicated to historical preservation, founding the Ypsilanti East Side Neighborhood Association and supporting the revitalization of Depot Town. He was a champion for the environment, supporting solar power, crafting plans for city-wide recycling, invigorating community parks, and promoting sustainability. During his over 25-year tenure in Ypsilanti government he implemented policies that have positively affected the lives of all Ypsilanti residents.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the legacy of Peter J. Murdock and his lifetime of service. We are truly grateful for his numerous contributions to the Ypsi-

lanti community and to the County of Washtenaw. He will be dearly missed.

HONORING NADINE WHITTED, RETIRED COMMUNITY BOARD 4 DISTRICT MANAGER AT SHAPE UP BUSHWICK 14TH ANNUAL PARADE

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nadine Whitted, life-time resident of the Bushwick community and former Brooklyn Community Board 4 District Manager. Ms. Whitted retired in 2016 but her leadership and advocacy efforts continue today. She is considered a model civil servant by her community and colleagues in government. Her career spans an impressive 30 years of public service.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Nadine is the second child born to Rose Rucker and Emerson Whitted. According to her family, Nadine exemplified leadership qualities and an interest for public service at a young age. In 1977 during the New York City fiscal crisis, Ms. Whitted was hired as an Administrative Aide for Community Board 4 approximately three days prior to the Black Out of July 1977. This event detrimentally impacted the quality of life, infrastructure and Bushwick's economic development for decades. Ms. Whitted was determined to be part of her neighborhood's revitalization.

Within two years she was promoted to the position of Assistant District Manager, under this new role she strengthened her skills and diligently fostered relationships with city agencies, elected officials and stakeholders to help craft a community led revitalization project. The neighborhood's distinction as the poorest community district in the city fueled Ms. Whitted. Her efforts resulted in her promotion to District Manager in 1986. From 1986 to 2016 she served as District Manager with distinction. Her effective management skills and leadership were instrumental in the success of major projects ranging from the delivery of essential services, street lighting along commercial corridors and the development of large scale affordable housing and open space.

Nadine Whitted remains a champion of the Bushwick, Brooklyn community. I thank her for dedication and decades of public service. It is my honor to recognize her on this special occasion of the Shape Up Bushwick 14th Annual Parade.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CONRAD GONZALES FOR HIS PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Conrad Gonzales. Mr. Gonzales was described as "an ordained minister with street experience who was very passionate about his work and who had a rare gift to inspire, motivate, and guide teens."