

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."