

In my many conversations with Dr. Spellman over the past five and a half years, I was keenly aware of his convictions. He was a man of deep faith and commitment. He was a patriot and a proud American who made his life a reflection of what our forefathers intended in "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". His love and concern for the students and faculty under his charge was evident in the vigor and passion with which he approached every issue and hurdle he navigated.

As the Congressman for Missouri's second district, I know I speak for many, especially those in St. Charles County who are the most direct beneficiaries of the many successes of Lindenwood University during Dr. Spellman's tenure, when I say, he will be greatly missed.

IN MEMORY OF ARMY SERGEANT
FIRST CLASS RICHARD HENKES

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Army Sergeant First Class Richard Henkes, who died on September 3, 2006, fighting for our country in Mosul, Iraq, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Richard Henkes, 32 years old, was killed during combat when a roadside bomb struck his military vehicle. Richard Henkes was assigned to the U.S. Army's C Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division in Fort Lewis, Washington.

Following a family tradition of service in U.S. Armed Forces, Richard Henkes enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1992 and had been serving in Mosul for the past two months. His father served in the Air Force, both grandfathers were in the Army and fought in World War II and a great grandfather fought in World War I. While not serving our country, Richard Henkes enjoyed spending time with his five year-old daughter and had a passion for snowboarding.

I am deeply saddened by the tragic loss of soldiers who have died while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. These brave Americans lost their lives while making the ultimate sacrifice to serve our country, and I will be forever grateful to them for their courageous spirit.

Richard Henkes gave his life to serve our country and will forever be remembered as a hero, a son, and a father. My deepest condolences go out to his daughter Isabel; his parents Chris and Jim Stanton and Richard and Karen Henkes; his sisters Tamara Henkes Bass, Dana Harmel and Karen Henkes; and his brothers, Mark Holmgren and Paul Stanton. I know Army Sergeant First Class Henkes was proud of his service to the U.S. Army and to our country. He will be missed by his family, fellow soldiers, and all those who knew him and counted him as a friend. I will continue to keep Richard Henkes and his family in my thoughts and prayers.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE B.D.
KANAN, FORMER KANSAS STATE
SENATOR

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note the passing, on August 7, of former Kansas State Senator B.D. Kanan, of Kansas City, Kansas.

Senator Kanan was born Nov. 26, 1924 to John Walter and Hattie Pearl (Evans) Kanan in Cameron, Missouri. He was a Kansas State Senator from 1988 to 1992 and was the founder and owner of TRAFTEC in Kansas City, Kansas, since 1972. Previously, he had worked as a truck driver for Auto Transport for 19 years. Senator Kanan was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He was a Teamster and a member of ATSSA for over 32 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister as well as a granddaughter, Heather Lorance.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Betty Jo; their sons: Bernard, Jr., of Basehor, Kansas, and Walter of Kansas City, Kansas; and their daughters: Donna "Pug" Uzzell of Kansas City, Kansas, Elizabeth "Suzie" Lorance of Kansas City, Kansas, Mary Michelle Chapman of Seffner, Florida, Karen Martin of Kansas City, Kansas, Jamie Doolittle of Shawnee, Kansas, and Roseanne Smallwood of Fairmont, Kansas, as well as 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, B.D. Kanan was an active, concerned citizen who did much to improve conditions in his home community of Kansas City, Kansas, and Wyandotte County, particularly with regard to improving the local transportation infrastructure. He served his constituents with honor and integrity as a member of the Kansas State Senate, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to publicly note his passing and to honor his record of public service. I include in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD an article about Senator Kanan's legacy that appeared in the Kansas City Kansan.

[From the Kansas City Kansan]
FORMER STATE SENATOR, BUSINESSMAN B.D.
KANAN, 81, DIES

(By Adam Torres)

Kansas City, Kan., lost a prominent citizen and former state senator this week. Bernard "B.D." Kanan, 81, passed away at his KCK home Monday. Kanan had a heart condition that had been troubling him in recent weeks, according to one of his daughters, Donna "Pug" Uzzell.

For 18 years, Kanan worked as a truck driver. When driving once, he noticed how inconvenient the barricades and construction signs were, Uzzell said. Kanan designed a barricade that was easier to use.

"He got a patent for it and started his company, TRAFFTEC," Uzzell said.

In the 1980s, Kanan started to feel that KCK was not facing certain issues that it should, Uzzell said. He decided to use his own funds to represent the people of KCK and started a "Fight Back" initiative. Through the initiative, Kanan purchased advertising space in The Kansas City Kansan.

"Concerned citizens would write to him about certain issues and he would address them in a 'fight back' ad that he would personally buy," Uzzell said. "He lived his

whole life in KCK and he really cared about the community. It seemed like no one was addressing the citizens." Thus began Kanan's political career, although it wasn't his original intention.

"He really didn't mean for it to get into politics," Uzzell said. Kanan ran for state senate, with the help of his wife of 62 years, Betty Jo, and eight children, and won the election. He served for one term, from 1988 to 1992.

"That was enough for him," Uzzell said. Kanan, a Democrat, ran for the seat against David Haley, who currently holds the seat as a Democrat after losing to Kanan as a Republican. Despite being on opposite sides of the political aisle for a time, Haley said he had a great deal of respect for Kanan.

"I was always impressed with how cordial he was to me," Haley said, "and that was a relationship we shared even after I switched parties." Uzzell said her dad was fair politician who was concerned about the citizens he represented.

"He wasn't bought by lobbyists," Uzzell said. "He didn't go to their cocktail hours."

Former Kansas state representative and current Edwardsville, Kan., City Administrator Doug Spangler said Kanan worked on legislation that improved the highway system throughout the county. "B.D. was instrumental in the passage of the original transportation bill that funded so many improvements in Wyandotte County and the entire state of Kansas," Spangler said.

"He's going to be remembered for his concern for highway safety and for being an advocate for the Kansas highway system," Haley said. "Because of that, we have what is now one of the finest highway systems in this part of the U.S."

Spangler also said Kanan cared about the disadvantaged in Wyandotte County. "Senator Kanan was a very caring and wonderful person who always kept Wyandotte County residents in mind when he voted in the Kansas Senate," Spangler said. "He was always for the underdog and would reach out to help the less fortunate. He had a big heart and to know him was to love him."

Kanan, a member of Christ the King Church and the Knights of Columbus, once bought hundreds of fans to give to those who needed them during a heat wave, Spangler said. He also worked and supported homeless shelters and helped people financially, Uzzell said. "He was quite the person in the community," Uzzell said.

Kanan enjoyed seeing the development in western Wyandotte County over the last few years. He was proud of it happening in the community, Uzzell said. "He really wanted to take our mother (Kanan's wife of 62 years, Betty Jo) to the Legends (at Village West). He wasn't able to but we promised to do it for him."

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO
FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND LOVED
ONES OF VICTIMS OF CRASH OF
COMAIR FLIGHT 5191

SPEECH OF

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleague from Kentucky's Sixth Congressional District, Ben Chandler, in support of his resolution expressing our deep sorrow and condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones who are

grappling with the loss of 49 lives in an early morning August 27, 2006 plane crash—Comair Flight 5191.

The passengers on board Flight 5191 represented the rich diversity and commitment to community emblematic of the Commonwealth. A horse trainer, a UK faculty member, the wife of an East Kentucky University Board Member, newlyweds. A business leader, a youth basketball coach, a technology innovator, and a young father.

Mr. Speaker, all of Kentucky grieves with these families realizing their tremendous loss of a brother, a husband, a sister, a daughter, and our tremendous loss in our community of leaders. I specifically want to recognize my constituents Mike Finley, Hollie Gilbert, John and Scarlett Parsley Hooker, and Marcie Thomason and extend my heartfelt sympathy to their families. Their commitment to southern and eastern Kentucky created jobs and opportunities for young people, helped keep kids in positive pursuits by modeling hard work and supporting our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in commending federal, state, and local officials who cooperated not only at the crash site, but throughout Kentucky to respond to the emergency, investigate the accident, and provide assistance to families devastated by the loss of loved ones.

On behalf of the entire congressional delegation from Kentucky, we offer our most sincere condolences to the families of the victims and all those that were affected.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD TODD
RHODES

HON. MIKE McINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. McINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Richard Todd Rhodes of Wilmington, North Carolina, who sacrificed his life on August 17, 2006 while valiantly serving his country as a private contractor with Cochise Company in Iraq. Our heartfelt thanks and prayers are for his family and friends in this time of grief.

For eight years, Todd served his country honorably as a member of the United States Marine Corps. After serving in Desert Shield/Desert Storm, he was employed as a security specialist with United States Protection Investigation while in Afghanistan, and most recently, with Cochise Company working in Iraq. For twelve years, Todd and his wife, Terry, owned and operated Best Video and Audio in Jacksonville, N.C.

Todd was a loving husband to Terry and a dedicated father to two sons, Shaun Rhodes and Ryan Rhodes, all of Wilmington, with whom he spent many hours teaching them life lessons and individual skills, such as construction and diving. Todd loved life and enjoyed such activities as dancing, diving, tennis and sailing. His memory will be forever cherished by his family and the friends and co-workers whose lives he touched in life's journey.

As a member of the U.S. Marine Corps and a contractor in Iraq, Todd dedicated his career to defending the values this Nation holds dear. By risking his life to ensure the safety of others, he made the ultimate sacrifice. His valiant

actions and steadfast service remind us of the gratitude we feel toward him and all the other servicemen and women and civilians who have given their lives serving as guardians of this great country. Todd was indeed a man of courage and integrity.

Mr. Speaker, may the memory of Richard Todd Rhodes live on in our hearts, and may God's strength and peace be with his family.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT FIRST
CLASS MELVIN HILL

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today I take the time to honor a distinguished veteran from the Commonwealth of Virginia, SFC Melvin Hill. A true patriot for his heroic service to our country, Hill was born on March 26, 1939 in Brooklyn. In 1955 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was assigned to the 18th Regimental Combat Team (Airborne) at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. There he was selected to be an instructor at the Airborne School. He was later assigned to Germany, where he was responsible for conducting convoys from Helmstadt, Germany to insure U.S. access to Berlin. On each tour of duty, he also served as a guard at Spandau Prison, which at that time housed Rudolph Hess, Albert Speer, and Baldur von Schirach. In 1964 Hill was accepted for Special Forces training and assignment at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After completing this training, he was assigned to the Military Advisory Command in Vietnam.

It was in this capacity that Sergeant Hill was awarded a Silver Star on January 18, 1971 for his fearless actions while serving as Leader of a Combined Reconnaissance Team in November of 1970. In this role, Sergeant Hill courageously led his team from the tailgate of a C-130 aircraft at an altitude of 17,000 feet on the first combat high altitude free fall into hostile territory in the history of the United States Army. His team landed in rugged and dangerous terrain in enemy territory where, despite equipment malfunctions, Sergeant Hill refused to abandon his team. They remained behind enemy lines in the harshest conditions for 5 days where, led by Sergeant Hill, the team gathered sufficient hard intelligence to mark the mission a success. When his transmit voice radio malfunctioned, Sergeant Hill used another device to transmit instructions to his team via Morse code and in this manner triangulated multiple targets for the Air Force. During the extraction from enemy territory, Sergeant Hill was wounded by a bullet to the leg, but due to his courage and leadership, his team was recovered with no losses and no other injuries.

After leading this successful mission, Hill extended his tour of duty to teach high altitude Military Free Fall techniques to other Reconnaissance teams. After retirement from the military, Hill continued to serve his country through a position in the U.S. General Services Administration in Washington, D.C., where he worked for 14 years and was recognized for his innovative approach to Contract Support, winning the Administrator's Meritorious Service Award and a citation from the Governor of Maryland.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful today to recognize the achievements of SFC Melvin Hill that are so long overdue. His leadership and courage in combat during our nation's time of war require our sincere appreciation. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO BISHOP ARTHUR
GEORGE BURRELL

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Bishop Arthur George Burrell. St. George Beth El Church of God in Christ will hold a remembrance dinner in his honor on September 16 in my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Bishop Burrell began his service to the church in 1947. He worked as a Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, Church Secretary and Broadcast Announcer until 1962. On April 14, 1962 Bishop C.J. Johnson ordained him and almost a year later he became the pastor of Gospel Temple Church of God in Christ. Under his leadership, the church negotiated the purchase of a new building in 1972 and changed the name to St. George Beth El Church of God in Christ.

During his ministry Bishop Burrell served as the State Sunday School Superintendent from 1975 to 1980 for the Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, and Chairman of the Commission of Budget and Finance. He served as the District Superintendent of the Progressive District and in 2002 he celebrated the Progressive District's Golden Jubilee. Bishop Burrell also served as the National Financier of the International Sunday School Department and in April 1998 he received the Outstanding Service Award to the Church of God in Christ from the Association of Church of God in Christ Business Owners.

Bishop Brooks, with the concurrence of the Presiding Bishop and the General Board of the Church of God in Christ, appointed Bishop Burrell to Assistant Jurisdictional Bishop at the 81st Annual Holy Convocation of the Northeast Michigan (Historic First) Jurisdiction.

In addition to his work for the church, Bishop Burrell retired from General Motors after 35 years of employment. He was married to Norma Burrell for 46 years and they had three sons. Bishop Burrell passed away in 2002.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the memory of Bishop Arthur George Burrell and St. George Beth El Church of God in Christ as they celebrate his ministry and life.

HONORING NYS POLICE TROOPER
JOSEPH A. LONGOBARDO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 2006

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, it is with much sadness that I rise and respectfully request the members of this honorable chamber to join me in commemorating the life of Joseph A.