

negotiated the release of three political prisoners, endearing him to the conservative Cuban community in his district. Seven years earlier he had negotiated the release of a political prisoner in Argentina, and he smuggled an artificial heart valve into the Soviet Union for an ailing 22 year old woman.

In my mind, Bill was more than a gifted colleague and a good person; he was a very close friend. I can attest that this is one of the rare cases where the statements being made about a person after his death are absolutely true. He was as good of a person in life as he is being described in death—a smart, moral, genuinely decent human being, one whose company it was a pleasure to keep.

Over the years I had the pleasure of working with Congressman Lehman a number of times. We served on the House Judiciary committee together, and in 1982 we traveled to several Latin American countries, including Nicaragua to investigate illegal arms sales. He was as much of a gentleman in the professional world as he was in the personal one.

Our country has experienced a great loss. Congressman Lehman was the kind of man who does not come around often, and we were blessed to have him in Congress. He was a role model to politicians everywhere and an inspiration to citizens all across the Nation. He will be sorely missed wherever he was known.

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL J. BENNETT'S 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO ST. MARK'S SCHOOL OF TEXAS

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Michael J. Bennett's 40 years of teaching at St. Mark's School of Texas. I am proud to represent St. Mark's in the 32nd Congressional District of Texas.

Born four months before the German Blitz, Michael Bennett grew up "in the East End of London, not the rich part, but the tough part." He attended the East Ham Grammar School for Boys where he skipped his fifth year. As a "Sixth Former" or Senior, he was expected to specialize in an academic area to prepare for the demanding A Level exams. His father, understanding the importance technology would play in revitalizing post-war England, suggested he study Science. But as Michael recalled, while in Science class one day the Headmaster said "This is not the place for you . . ." and he was right . . . I chose the Classics and that has made all the difference."

Michael passed his A Levels and was awarded a scholarship to study at Christ Church, Oxford where he studied Classics and graduated with honors, earning both a B.A. and M.A. He would later earn another Master's Degree from the Bread Loaf School of English at Middlebury College. Michael has also studied at the Vergilian Society School at Cumae.

At the age of 22, he joined the faculty of the St. Andrew's School in Middletown, DE as teacher, debate coach, and Head of the Classics Department. Three years later, in 1965, he came to St. Mark's. During his tenure at St. Mark's he has taught Latin, Greek,

English, Debate and Fine Arts. He served as advisor for the Trivia Club, the Film Society, and the Junior Classical League. He was a member of the Curriculum Study Group and founded the Classical Society that presented plays in Latin by Roman playwrights Plautus and Terrence. In addition to teaching Latin, he currently serves as Senior Master, Chairman of the Faculty Advisory Committee, Latin Club Sponsor, Chairman of the John H. Murrell Awards Committee, Seventh Grade Class Sponsor, and President of Cum Laude. Outside school, he is the Opera critic for Northside People.

Michael is married to Dena, a freelance writer. He has two children. Sarah lives in Tacoma, WA where she is a child and family counselor. His son Paul, an alumnus from the Class of 1980 from St. Mark's is an attorney who lives in Annapolis, MD with his wife and three children, Jeffrey, Allison and Annie. Michael proudly notes that grandson Jeffrey is a straight "A" student in his Latin class.

I would like to extend my sincere congrats to Michael and his family on this great occasion and wish him additional success as he continues to teach at St. Mark's.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF McMULLEN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR ANGELA BOSWICK

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the McMullen County Tax Collector Angela Boswick for her dedicated public service.

Angela Boswick is a proud native of Southwest Texas. She was born in Menard, Texas, where she attended Menard High School.

She began her professional life in the banking industry. During that period, she acquired the expertise and competence in finance that have stood her in such good stead during her work for the county.

Ms. Boswick has lived in McMullen County for the past 25 years. She entered public service in the tax office 15 years ago. Her hard work and competence have been repeatedly recognized by the county, and she has repeatedly been promoted, eventually rising to her current position as County Tax Collector.

Angela Boswick has been married for 10 years, and has further contributed to her community by raising two wonderful girls. She is the kind of public servant who holds our towns and cities together: hardworking, accountable, persistent and dedicated. Too often, the public servants who hold vital but low-profile positions such as tax collector do not get the recognition they deserve. For that reason, I am especially happy to have had the chance to thank Angela Boswick here today.

EXPRESSING LAMENT FOR THE GOUDSWARD FAMILY

HON. FRANK PALLONE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise on the House floor to express my deep sorrow for

Diana Goudsward Collentine and her daughters, Kristina and Jennifer, the daughter and granddaughters of James and Marjorie Goudsward. On January 4, 2002, Diana and her two daughters were walking in a school safety zone in Waldwick, NJ when they were struck by an automobile operated by a medically impaired driver. This accident resulted in the tragic deaths of all three citizens.

In this tragedy's aftermath, Doug Goudsward, brother to Diane, has dedicated himself to preventing the medically impaired driver from obtaining a valid driver's license in another State, thereby further endangering the public. To this day, his brave and persistent efforts to protect the public have unfortunately not been fruitful.

Mr. Speaker, this situation is quite tragic and it is clear that Congress should work with the National Highway Traffic Safety Agency (NHTSA) to study the complex and controversial issue of medically impaired drivers. Congress and the NHTSA should develop guidelines, which are respectful to individual drivers, while setting appropriate standards for driving privileges that ensure the safety of communities and the general public.

RECOGNITION OF SGT. KENNETH "LEVI" RIDGLEY

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Army Sgt. Kenneth L. Ridgley who was recently killed in action fighting for freedom in Mosul, Iraq.

Ridgley was a 30-year-old who grew up in Pearl, Mississippi. He graduated from East Richland High School in Olney, Illinois. He then went on to attend Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He served as an Army sergeant assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division based at Fort Lewis, Washington. He was recently killed in action as a result of a combat related injury.

Sergeant Ridgley is survived by his wife, Charity Ridgley, of Steilacoom, Washington; a son, Dillon Ridgley; his father and mother, Clarence and Betty Richards, of Olney; a brother and his wife, Stan and Pam Richards, of Alhambra; and three sisters, Sonja Terry and her husband, Randy, of Willingford, Connecticut, Sher Richards and her husband, Steve Millett, of Columbus, Ohio, and Peggy Flauta and her husband, Rey, of Truckee, California I am proud of the service this young man gave to our country and the service his fellow troops perform everyday. Not enough can be said about Sergeant Ridgley. It is troops like him that are risking their lives day in and day out to ensure our freedom here at home and to others throughout the rest of the world. I salute him and my best wishes go out to his family and all the troops fighting to ensure freedom and democracy.