

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