

As a member of the advisory board I have witnessed how Michele and Shelter Network have turned lives around and reintegrated homeless families into our community.

She initiated the designing, opening and maintaining of shelters that meet the needs of homeless families. In 2000, she oversaw the rebuilding and reopening of Haven Family House in Menlo Park. She led campaigns to rebuild First Step for Families in San Mateo in 2004 and to renovate Redwood Family House in Redwood City in 2006.

Michele has turned Shelter Network into a model organization for our community, our county and the world. Under her guidance, services for homeless families and individuals have expanded and new ones created, among them the Motel Voucher and Homeless Outreach programs, The Vendome which houses chronically homeless adults, rapid re-housing and prevention initiatives like Housing First and HPRP, mental health services for children and the Shelter Network's Alumni Association.

In addition to running Shelter Network, Michele has dedicated her time and energy to volunteer for many worthy causes. She is a board member of HEART, the Housing Endowment and Regional Trust, and of Local Emergency Food and Shelter FEMA/EHAP. Michele is the Chair of the Executive Committee for the San Mateo County Continuum of Care, a member of the Interagency Council for HOPE: San Mateo County's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. She also is a member of CHRAC, the Community Health Reform Advocacy Committee, and San Mateo County's Housing Operations and Policy Committee. Michele serves as the secretary and board member of Riley's Place, a non-profit organization dedicated to enrich the lives of low-income or chronically ill children through interaction with animals.

Michele's altruism and dedication to those in need have earned her many friends and fans—including myself—and well deserved awards. In 2003, she received the Heart of Social Work Award from the National Council on Social Work Education for excellence in field instruction. In 2010, she was presented with the Housing Leadership Day Award by San Mateo County's Housing Leadership Council.

Michele earned both her Bachelor and Masters of Social Work from San Francisco State University.

She lives in Belmont with her husband Bill Jackson. I have no doubt she will stay engaged in the community during her retirement and find more time to enjoy her family, ride her horse Tywy, spend time with her new puppy, travel and read.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to join me in honoring Michele Jackson for her decade as Executive Director of Shelter Network and for her three decades in social work on this day of her retirement, January 26, 2011.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM
BOLDENWECK

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor William Boldenweck, who leaves behind an extraordinary legacy as a journalist and teacher. Mr. Boldenweck passed away January 11, 2011, at the age of 79 and is survived by his wife Lynn Boldenweck and two sons William C. Boldenweck III and Stephen Boldenweck.

Mr. Boldenweck spent over three decades as a reporter for the San Francisco Examiner and two decades as a journalism teacher at San Francisco State University. He started his journalism career after his military career with the U.S. Marine Corps reserve.

Mr. Boldenweck, a Portland, Oregon native, was called up in the Korean War in 1950. He was in combat in the Inchon invasion, a battle that recaptured Seoul. He was also at the legendary battle at Chosin Few, the decisive battle of the Korean War. He never missed a reunion of that veterans group.

After the war, Mr. Boldenweck enrolled in San Francisco City College and San Francisco State University. He became a reporter at the Marin Independent Journal and was quickly snatched by the Examiner in 1960.

Mr. Boldenweck was a classic newspaper reporter, the kind that are far and few between today. His colleagues admired his ability as a journalist saying he could cover any story and was the best barroom story teller of his generation. He was also loved by his friends for his affable personality.

On the first day of class every semester at San Francisco State University, he shocked his beginning journalism students by making them write their own obituaries. His justification for that was that it would help them impart the reality of journalism and make them focus on the facts that matter.

At the end of his own life, though, he left the writing of his obituary to his fellow reporters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to join me in honoring an extraordinary man of letters, William Boldenweck, who I was blessed to call a friend, for his service to our country and for his dedication and contributions to the profession of journalism.