

Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany for Wolfgang Suwelack



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Yesterday, entrepreneur and patron of the arts Wolfgang Suwelack (71) has been awarded with the Federal Cross of the Order of Merit. Honoured was his manifold engagement for his hometown Billerbeck and the surrounding region. One focus of his activities is the promotion of the remembrance culture. The memorial tablet at the cenotaph in Billerbeck displaying the names of the victims of the World Wars and the National Socialism as well as the book “Zersplitterte Steine” (Broken Stones) telling the fate of Jewish families in Billerbeck have been realized thanks to the initiative and financial support of Suwelack. In 2003, Wolfgang Suwelack founded the Wolfgang-Suwelack-foundation that – besides other activities – is responsible for the remodeling of the entrance to the Jewish cemetery in Billerbeck. “You are an agitator in the best sense of the word who provides incentives, gives impetus and at the same time sets lasting and symbolic points of reference” said Head of District Authority Konrad Püning in his laudation.

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