

Under Mrs. Sistrunk's leadership, I am sure that this will not be the last time Aera Energy is honored for its corporate philanthropy, generosity, and community involvement. On behalf of California's 23rd Congressional District, I want to thank Aera Energy for its countless contributions to communities throughout the Central Valley.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. WING MAR

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Dr. Wing Mar, esteemed doctor, beloved husband, father, and former member of the Torrance-South Bay YMCA Board of Managers.

Dr. Wing Mar was born on January 15, 1924 in China and immigrated to the United States as a very young child with his family. After serving with the 10th Army Corps as an intelligence member of the 711th Tank Battalion headquarters during World War II, he attended University of California, Berkeley, and later graduated from the University of South Dakota Medical School.

Dr. Mar had a long and impressive career in medicine while also serving for many decades as a leader in his local YMCA. He has always been an important member of his community, working to improve medical care for the elderly, participating as a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility in the 1980s and becoming a charter member of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California in Los Angeles. It was thanks to Dr. Mar's fundraising skills that the Chinese Historical Society was able to financially secure a Los Angeles headquarters in two beautiful historical homes in Chinatown. He will forever be remembered for his work as a doctor and volunteer with a desire to make an impact in his community and beyond.

Dr. Mar is survived by his wife Joyce, their children Jeff, Gayle and Carolyn, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren whom I hope take comfort in the way he lived his life as a healer, a community leader and compassionate citizen. May his memory be a blessing to us all.

RECOGNIZING GENERAL ANDREW J. GOODPASTER

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the following letter submitted to the Daily Herald newspaper by my constituent Frank G. Splitt of Mount Prospect, Illinois. Mr. Splitt rightly acknowledges the contributions to our nation made by General Andrew J. Goodpaster, who amongst other things, served as the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and superintendent of West Point. I encourage all my colleagues to learn about the contributions made by this legendary general from Illinois.

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AN ILLINOISAN TOO IMPORTANT TO IGNORE

(Letter to the Editor, Opinion)

In a recent Wall Street Journal column, "Five Best Books on American Generals" Winston Groom recommended works about military leaders. C. Richard Nelson's book, "The Life and Work of General Andrew J. Goodpaster," was conspicuous by virtue of its absence from Groom's list—so too was the absence of General Goodpaster from the Herald's March 3, 2019 supplement, "Illinois' Rich History, People Places & Things that Make Illinois Stand Out."

Readers of Nelson's biography will find that Goodpaster (1915-2005), born in Granite City, Illinois, graduated from West Point in 1939. He was a soldier, engineer, and scholar who led and fought with uncommon valor in World War II, advised several presidents, most notably President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and served as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander, Europe (1969-1974). He has been called the finest officer of our era.

Goodpaster was brought out of retirement in 1977 to serve as the superintendent of West Point as it was reeling from a cheating scandal. In his four-year tenure at the academy, he sought to substitute "positive leadership" for hazing and personal abuse.

Subsequent to Goodpaster's government service, among other things, he served as the Chairman of the George C. Marshall Foundation and as a senior fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. He was the recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, by President Reagan in 1984, for "lifetime accomplishments that changed the face and soul of our country."

Goodpaster's approach to analysis and decision making provides valuable lessons for current and aspiring leaders. His life story should serve as an inspiration to others who are challenged with the task of resolving complex domestic and foreign policy issues. It has been said that General Goodpaster remains "too important to ignore."

FRANK G. SPLITT,

Mount Prospect.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF DOROTHY GERALDINE NOAK ROTHERMEL

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember Dorothy Geraldine Noak Rothermel who passed away on March 1, 2019 in Pasadena, Texas.

Dorothy Geraldine Noak Rothermel was born December 20, 1929 in Carmine, Texas to Herbert and Clara Keng Noak. Dorothy graduated from Round Top-Carmine High School in 1947. On December 28th of that year, Dorothy married Thomas Hugh Rothermel of Burton, Texas.

Ms. Rothermel attended Blinn College in Brenham; Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos; and graduated from the University of Houston in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Vocational Home Economics. She also did graduate work at the University of Houston and at the Sacred Heart Dominican College in Houston.

Dorothy worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone in Houston and New Braunfels as a Switchboard Operator. In 1963, Dorothy started teaching at Pasadena High School. Her ca-

reer at Pasadena High School spanned twenty-four years where she served as Department Chairman and a Classroom Teacher in the Vocational Homemaking Department. After retirement, she served as a substitute teacher at Round Top-Carmine High School for several years.

Dorothy held memberships in the Texas State Teachers Association, Vocational Homemaking Teachers of Texas, Texas Retired Teachers Association as a Life Member, Washington County Genealogical Society, the German-Texas Heritage Society, Brenham Area Retired School Personnel Association, and the Texas Wendish Heritage Society.

Ms. Rothermel loved to research and write articles on the family history of the Noak, Keng, Hinze, Rothermel and Vogelsang families. She served on various committees helping to further her interest in genealogy, including the Fayette County History Book and the 100th Anniversary History Book of Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Carmine.

In retirement, Dorothy served as a member of Martin Luther Lutheran Church, President of the Ladies Aid, Secretary for the Church Council, and Secretary of the General Board for the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (WCLA).

Dorothy is survived by her Daughters: Connie Sue Rothermel Bird and husband, Marshall, of Splendor, and Pamela Rothermel Guthrie and husband, James, of Pasadena; Granddaughters: Rachel Diana Bird Poffinbarger and husband, James, of Splendor, Johanna Ruth Bird, of Houston, and Moriah Ashlee Guthrie, of Pasadena; and Great-Granddaughters: Camille Poffinbarger, Corinne Poffinbarger, and Cristin Poffinbarger, all of Splendor.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to remember the life of Dorothy Geraldine Noak Rothermel. May God comfort her family at this time.

HONORING JERRY LUDEKE FOR RECEIVING THE BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE FOUNDATION STERLING SILVER MEDAL

HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Mrs Jerry Ludeke as the recipient of the 2019 Bakersfield College Foundation Service Medal.

Jerry's passion for academia can be traced back over half a century to her days as an undergraduate at Indiana University After graduating, Jerry began teaching at a junior high school before returning to school to complete a Masters in Fine Arts at Tulane University in New Orleans, where she concurrently taught several undergraduate courses. Upon completion of her Masters, Jerry selflessly decided to serve as a missionary for the Presbyterian Church in Beirut, Lebanon, at the then-named Beirut College for Women. Increased hostilities in the Middle East cut the mission short, and Jerry returned to school once again— this time as a graduate student at Stanford University There, she met fellow Stanford graduate and Army veteran, John Ludeke.

Jerry and John married in 1959 and settled in Bakersfield, California, where they quickly

became involved in the community. Both educators, John taught at Bakersfield High School while Jerry held multiple positions at Bakersfield College before leaving to raise her two boys, Kevin and Scott. Although she did not formally return to teaching until the boys started high school, Jerry remained committed to her role as an educator, and founded the Volunteer Tutoring Program at Bakersfield College. In 1975 she returned full-time to the Bakersfield College Learning Center, where she worked until she and John retired together in 1994.

Jerry's commitment to community service is just as impressive as her academic history. Over the years she developed and served as the first secretary for the Holloway-Gonzales Library in Bakersfield, volunteered at the Friendship House pre-school, served as the president of the Kern County Historical Society, served on the board of both the Kern Memorial Society and Friendship Force, and directed the Bakersfield College Archives. Such extensive community involvement would overwhelm almost anyone, but for Jerry these are just the tip of the iceberg.

The Bakersfield College Foundation Sterling Silver Medal recognizes Jerry's lifelong commitment to hard work and the betterment of the Bakersfield community through the power of education. Her input on various boards and councils, and her leadership at Bakersfield College, has had an immeasurable impact on the lives of countless people. On behalf of California's 23rd Congressional District, I want to thank Jerry for her leadership and philanthropy to the communities and citizens of the Central Valley.

CONGRATULATING THE BRADLEY UNIVERSITY BRAVES MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Bradley University Men's Basketball Team on capturing the Missouri Valley Conference title, earning them a spot in the 2019 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

The Braves defeated Northern Iowa University in St. Louis by a score of 57–54 to capture an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament and finish off a stellar Missouri Valley Conference tournament. Bradley pulled off an outstanding comeback in the second half after trailing by as many as 18 points with only 17 minutes left in regulation. This title is the first

the Braves won since 1988 and will be their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2006, where they made a thrilling run to the Sweet Sixteen. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment it takes to put together such an outstanding season. They are an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see them represent Peoria so well throughout the state and country. I will be rooting them on in the NCAA Tournament and wish them continued success.

It is because of dedicated leaders such as the Bradley University Braves Men's Basketball Team that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Bradley University Braves Men's Basketball Team on their Missouri Valley Conference title, and wish them luck in the NCAA Tournament.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF UL

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate UL as they celebrate their 125th anniversary this month and to recognize their important role empowering trust in the safety, security and sustainability of products, organizations, and supply chains.

Most consumers will recognize the familiar UL Mark that appears on more than 22 billion products, likely including some of the appliances, electronics, and other goods in your home. This recognized mark is a symbol that the product has demonstrated conformance to UL's internationally-recognized standards of safety.

As an approved Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), UL tests and certifies certain equipment found in U.S. workplaces and has improved safety for countless American workers.

The district I represent is proud to be the home of UL. Their Northbrook, Illinois headquarters employs more than 1,800 people, but the company's reach is truly global.

A century and a quarter after their founding as Underwriters Laboratories in Chicago, the company now operates across 143 countries worldwide, touching 20 industries, and employing more than 14,000 individuals.

Each year, over 2 billion consumers—nearly a third of the planet's population—are touched by UL safety messages.

Despite their immense growth and influence, UL remains true to its founding principle to "promote safe living and working environments." I wish the team at UL many more years of success improving safety and empowering trust over the next century.

THANKING DRAKE CEMENT

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an important industry in our nation, and a company in my district that represents the best of corporate America. The company, Drake Cement, has an incredible safety record, and is known for its pursuit of excellence and its proud relationships with its employees and the community.

The industry at issue is the aggregate industry (sand, gravel, iron, minerals, stone and other aggregates) for use in the manufacturing of cement and concrete. Drake Cement takes raw materials, including limestone, alumina, iron and silica, and blends, heats, crushes and grinds it into the best cement west of the Rockies. The cement Drake Cement produces is used for construction products, including mortar, concrete, and masonry. You will find cement in buildings, dams, bridges, highways, floors, wells, pipes and a host of other necessary products. Without cement you cannot have modern construction and infrastructure.

Drake Cement was awarded the Sentinel of Safety Mining Award in 2017 and 2015 by the National Mining Association. This prestigious award is given to mines that have the highest and best safety records. In a business that involves dangerous equipment, heavy weight transport and moving parts, maintaining safety is not easy and it requires constant vigilance and high levels of training and awareness. Drake Cement has been awarded this difficult recognition twice and the plant was only built in 2011.

Outside a small town called Paulden, Arizona, Drake Cement built its new state of the art facility. The company takes seriously its commitment to social responsibility. It recognizes that, as a mine and manufacturer, it has an impact on the environment, but it also recognizes its impact is positive, necessary and undeniably important to our culture, our society and our modern economy.

I thank Mr. David Chavez, its Vice President, the over 120 employees who do their best every day, and the company for its contribution to Arizona and the country.