

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.