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ALEXANDRIA, Va. (June 26, 2019) - The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is raising awareness and funds to permanently recognize Dr. Marcus Milling's contributions to the geosciences with a curated, named art collection held by AGI in his honor. The goal of the Marcus Milling Legacy Campaign is to raise a minimum of \$50,000. Dr. Milling was an ardent and tireless champion of geoscience education, policy, and information services during the time he served as AGI's executive director from 1992 until 2006, when he transitioned to a senior advisor role.

Under Dr. Milling's leadership, AGI improved geoscience education through initiatives ranging from research projects to Earth Science Week, increased the role of the geosciences in the political process with the creation of the Government Affairs Program, and expanded the GeoRef bibliographic database and other key information services. Dr. Milling was an exceptional geoscientist who made great strides in raising geologic awareness for education, government, and the public throughout his career. And he channeled his greatest aspirations for the geoscience community into AGI.

Dr. Milling had over 20 years of experience in the upstream oil and gas industry, including roles as senior manager at Exxon's Production Research Company for domestic exploration and production line operation groups in Texas and New Orleans, general manager at ARCO's Geological Research Group at the central R&D facility in Plano, Texas, and associate director at the University of Texas at Austin's Bureau of Economic Geology to coordinate oil and gas industry consortia programs and environmental and water resource investigations.

Dr. Milling also served as vice chair of the Offshore Technology Conference's board of directors, was a member of the U.S. Department of Energy's Research Advisory Board on Solid Earth Sciences, and was a past Councilor on the Geological Society of America. He received numerous honors during his career, including the American Institute of Professional Geologists' Ben H. Parker Memorial Medal (1997), the Association of American State Geologists' Pick & Gavel Award (2005), and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists' Special Award (2007). Dr. Milling earned his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa.

You are invited to join leading members of the geoscience community in contributing to this initiative by directing your donation to the Marcus Milling Legacy Campaign, or you may contact AGI Associate Director of Development Alexandra Lowe Lees, alees@americangeosciences.org or 202-321-3789.

About AGI

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is a nonprofit federation of more than 50 scientific and professional associations that represents over a quarter-million geoscientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment.

AGI is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving the geoscience community and addressing the needs of society. AGI headquarters are in Alexandria, Virginia.

The American Geosciences Institute represents and serves the geoscience community by providing collaborative leadership and information to connect Earth, science, and people.

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