

Area Health Education Center, Challenge Industries, Kendall at Ithaca, Reconstruction Home Inc., and Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce.

As John moves forward with the next chapter of his life, we applaud his tireless efforts to improve healthcare in our communities and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

Given the above, I ask that this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations and join me to celebrate John Rudd and his extraordinary career.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AI ROOT COMPANY

HON. ANTHONY GONZALEZ

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2019

Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Root Candles of Medina, Ohio on their 150th anniversary. Founded in 1869, this family owned, and operated company has consistently produced the highest quality candles our country has to offer. Now in its fifth generation, the Root family continues to uphold the same values that their founder, Amos Ives Root, first instilled: honesty, integrity, and diligent craftsmanship.

Today, Root Candles continues to be a leader of industry; combining the latest technology in manufacturing with five generations of mastered craftsmanship to create unmatched fragrances and sophisticated color palettes. With their rich history, tradition of excellence, and commitment to customer satisfaction, the next 150 years are sure to be just as successful as the last.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to share the history of Root Candles with the House and want to join in congratulating them and their fine employees as they prepare to celebrate 150 years of service to the people and communities of Northeast Ohio.

IN HONOR OF AMERICAN LEGION
POST 12

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2019

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the American Legion "Jesse M. Dykes" Post 12 in Richmond, Kentucky. Post 12 is celebrating its 100th anniversary on August 17, 2019. The Post is celebrating this important anniversary by dedicating a memorial to veterans.

Post 12 has a long and important history in the Richmond community. After the American Legion was organized, a group of veterans in Richmond decided to apply for a post charter in August of 1919. They were the 12th Post chartered in Kentucky. Lt. Harry D. Rice led efforts to secure the charter for Post 12 and was later named the first Post Commander.

The Post's name, Jesse M. Dykes, is in honor of the first Madison County soldier killed in action in WWI. Dykes was killed in battle in the Argonne Forest on October 4, 1918. He was buried in France and later reinterred in the Richmond Cemetery.

The American Legion provides a voice for veterans at the national level, builds future leaders through youth programs such as Boys State, supports young people in the community, provides camaraderie with fellow veterans and patriotic Americans, and much more. The present commander of Post 12 is Cecil Walker.

I thank Commander Walker and all past and present members of American Legion "Jesse M. Dykes" Post 12 for their service to our country. I am grateful for their work through American Legion to honor and serve their fellow veterans. It is my honor to recognize them on this 100th anniversary before the United States Congress.

IN CELEBRATION OF FRANK
GARCIA'S BIRTHDAY

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 75th birthday of Frank Garcia, my constituent, friend, and the founder and owner of La Casa Garcia.

Mr. Garcia and his wife, Sylvia Garcia, opened La Casa Garcia in 1973 and have since expanded to three locations in Orange County. La Casa Garcia and its authentic, delectable Mexican food has become a staple in our community over the past four decades. Beyond being a successful restaurateur, Mr. Garcia has also become a well-known philanthropist in Orange County as the founder of the We Give Thanks Foundation. Mr. Garcia's passion for giving back earned him the Points of Light Foundation Medal from former President Bill Clinton. In addition, his restaurant, La Casa Garcia, received the designation of "Small Business of the Year" from California State Senator Tom Umberg.

Mr. Garcia began his career in the restaurant industry at the young age of 13 as a dishwasher in a restaurant in Texas. He also worked in the fields picking cotton and onion with his father, Luis Majin Garcia. During his time as a dishwasher, Mr. Garcia worked hard to master cooking skills and was soon promoted to chef himself. It was through these formative experiences that Mr. Garcia learned the value of hard work, the power of food as a way of bonding, and the importance of connecting with the community. Mr. Garcia credits God for his success and expresses his gratitude through every meal that he serves.

Growing up, his mother, Elvira Garza Garcia, one of the founders of LULAC, instilled in him a strong sense of philanthropy. After the success of La Casa Garcia, Mr. Garcia followed his mother's philosophy of charity and founded We Give Thanks Inc., a nonprofit that has been hosting a Thanksgiving feast every year for the past 32 years. The annual We Give Thanks feast began as a small-scale event attended by a few thousand people in the parking lot of one of the La Casa Garcia restaurants. Since then, it has expanded to the lot of the Honda Center, where 1,500 volunteers serve around 17,000 people each year. It has become the largest Thanksgiving feast hosted in Orange County. Mr. Garcia's dedication to serving others also extends beyond Orange County; when Hurricane Harvey

hit Houston, Texas in 2017, Mr. Garcia participated in efforts to raise money for victims and personally flew out to Houston to provide hot meals for those in need and displaced by the hurricane.

In his 75 years of life, Mr. Garcia has become a beacon of light for the Orange County community. He is a constant and consistent supporter of numerous community events and has become known for his community service and volunteer work. His dedication for providing quality food and his passion for helping others brings warmth and comfort to the lives of Orange County locals every day. Mr. Garcia's story is a moving example of the power of hard work, dedication, and charity. For these reasons, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Mr. Garcia many more years of health, success, and prosperity and in thanking him for his invaluable contributions and presence in our community. Happy Birthday.

HONORING CHANCELLOR DOROTHY
LELAND

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 16, 2019

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chancellor Dorothy Leland on her last day as Chancellor of the University of California, Merced. Chancellor Leland leaves a legacy of leadership and advocacy.

After earning her bachelors, masters, and PhD from Purdue University, Chancellor Leland began an impressive career in academia and became the President of Georgia College & State University in 2004. Though she had planned to retire in that job, she answered the call to serve as UC Merced's chancellor in 2011 because she was intrigued about leading a young university.

When Chancellor Leland arrived at UC Merced, the university lacked the resources and infrastructure present at more established schools and California's education budget was still severely impacted by the recession. Chancellor Leland rose to these unique challenges and envisioned the 2020 Project: one that brought together \$1.3 billion of state and private funding to significantly increase the size of campus and provide the necessary facilities to support the longterm growth of this premier 21st century research university.

Upon completion, the 2020 Project will add classroom space, student housing, student life facilities and more labs that will further the University of California's mission to improve and advance society through research. The changes will accommodate 10,000 students.

Chancellor Leland has been an outspoken advocate for underserved student populations during her tenure. UC Merced is a minority-majority campus-many students are the first in their family to attend college. Under her leadership, UC Merced has implemented programs and initiatives to support these students. Chancellor Leland has championed the campus's Dreamers and has even traveled to Washington, D.C. to advocate on their behalf.

As the leader of the UC's newest campus, Chancellor Leland has fostered relationships to ensure UC Merced's positive impact on the future of the San Joaquin Valley. Under her guidance, the university has increased its visibility in the Merced community with its Downtown Campus Center, which opened in early