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Mr. Correa: Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the lasting legacy of Zoroastrianism and acknowledge its significant contributions to human thought, which encompass early concepts of moral responsibility, justice, and the ongoing conflict between good and evil.

July 4, 2026, signifies the 250th anniversary of the Zoroastrian legacy that has shaped the perspectives of the American Founding Fathers, the creators of the Declaration of Independence, and the architects of the United States Constitution in establishing principles for governing a society that is multi-religious, multiracial, multi-ethnic, and multilingual, fostering peace and prosperity.

We recognize the rich cultural and philosophical heritage of Zoroastrian communities globally and their ongoing contributions to diverse societies. The broader

human pursuit of freedom, ethical governance, respect for human dignity, and women's equality--as well as legacies in trade, international commerce, and innovations such as early postal and passport systems--embody timeless Zoroastrian values that resonate throughout civilizations.

These principles are reflected in America's role as a symbol of freedom, democracy, commerce, equality, and justice to the world.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Zoroastrians around the globe and honor their vibrant traditions, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the progress of humanity, history, and civilization on this significant occasion connecting the Zoroastrian legacy to the 250th anniversary of American independence and the founding of the United States as a democratic nation.

Sincerely,

J. LUIS CORREA
Member of Congress