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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) spoke today on the House floor to commem

The text of today's speech is below.

"Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Gordon Hayes Medlin, also known as Gordy, w

"Gordy was born in Modesto, California in 1922 and moved to Stockton in high school. Later, Gordy enl

"Twenty-four years ago, inspired by the nearby Gilroy Garlic Festival, Mr. Medlin co-founded the Stockto

"Attendance at the festival often reaches 100,000 people. To this date, the festival has raised more than

"I am saddened by Gordy's passing, and proud to honor his lifetime of service and good work."