

calmed by his skilled diplomacy and determination to ensure that high-quality education always came first. After ten years at Bowie State, Dr. Myers began an eighteen-year tenure as President of the National Association for Equal Opportunity (NAFEO). Representing 117 HBCUs, Dr. Myers fought tirelessly to secure much-needed funding for these colleges and universities to expand and offer more courses and degrees. I am proud, Madam Speaker, to be a member of the Congressional HBCU Caucus and to support Bowie State University and other HBCUs as they work hard to carry out their important mission of making educational achievement and career success more equitable in our country.

Even after his retirement from NAFEO, Dr. Myers has been a force for good in the community, working since 1995 as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Minority Access, Inc., an organization that works to expand the access of under-represented groups to institutions of higher education, federal and state governments, and private corporations. Dr. Myers has spent decades fighting for the public good, for equality, for justice, and for opportunity. His impact on education in my home state of Maryland and in our country cannot be measured and will surely be long-lasting. I hope my colleagues will join me in thanking Dr. Myers for his lifetime of service and wishing him a very happy 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE NAMING OF
THE VERMONT AVENUE EXIT ON
STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 10 IN
HONOR OF THE EL SALVADOR
COMMUNITY CORRIDOR

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the El Salvador Community Corridor (Corridor), the first designated Salvadoran community in the City of Los Angeles.

This vibrant Corridor, located in the Pico Union area in the southern region of downtown Los Angeles, honors the rich history, heritage and contributions of the Salvadoran American community. Murals throughout the Corridor depict the cultural pride, struggles and dreams of Salvadoran Americans.

Forty years of internal political turmoil forced individuals from the Republic of El Salvador to flee the country and seek peace and security in the United States. Today, it is estimated that nearly one million Salvadorans reside in Los Angeles, making Los Angeles home to the largest population of Salvadorans outside of El Salvador.

You cannot tell the story of Los Angeles without telling the stories of the Salvadoran American community—and of the community leaders, public servants, artists, teachers, neighbors, family members and friends who enrich Los Angeles in countless ways.

In 2012, the City of Los Angeles declared a section of Vermont Avenue as the El Salvador Community Corridor, a long over due recognition of the economic and cultural contributions of Salvadoran American individuals, families, and organizations. This designation—an important step for the community—created a special place for residents to celebrate their

culture through businesses, retail, colorful art, food, clothing, and traditions.

This year, we celebrate the naming of the Vermont Avenue exit on State Highway 10 in honor of the Corridor. Another important step in honoring the integral role of the Salvadoran American community in the economy, culture and identity of Los Angeles.

I ask all Members to join me in commending the countless contributions of the Salvadoran American community to Los Angeles and recognizing integral economic and cultural role of the El Salvador Community Corridor.

IN RECOGNITION OF ALBERT N.
BULLOCK, POSTHUMOUSLY

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Albert N. Bullock “Al” who passed away at the age of 96 on August 16, 2019 in Daly City after a remarkable life. Al was an unflappable photographer who filmed the attack on Pearl Harbor and covered many events that shaped the Bay Area, including the Patti Hearst kidnapping, the assassinations of Mayor Moscone and Harvey Milk and the Jonestown mass murder where I met him. He will always have a special place in my heart.

Al was born in Utica, New York on March 5, 1923. He joined the U.S. Navy at age 17 which changed his life. His first job was washing airplanes and working in a photo lab where he discovered his talent and love for taking pictures. When a place in the Navy photography school opened, he was picked and received what he called the best education possible in photography, motion pictures and navigation. He graduated as a second class photographer's mate and was immediately hired by the government. He was shipped to Pearl Harbor and as fate would have it, the year was 1941. On December 7th, Al was on Ford Island and as the Japanese were dropping bombs right on top of him, he filmed the carnage with a hand-cranked 16mm camera. Ford Island was the strategic center of operations for the U.S. Navy in the Pacific, the location of Battleship Row. Assigned as a flag cameraman on the USS *Santa Fe*, he spent the entire war moving from one campaign to the next. In March 1945, he shot historic photos and footage of the burning and listing USS *Franklin* 50 miles off the coast of Japan. The USS *Santa Fe* rescued many sailors and helped put out the fires on the *Franklin*. Al was 22.

In 1950, Al moved to San Mateo in my Congressional District and held a variety of jobs selling China and silverware, taking photos and filming car races. One day in the 60s, he was filming a race that ended in a fiery crash. Roger Grimsby, an anchor and the news director at KGO-TV, watched him as he kept filming. He approached Al asking, “You have any blood in your veins?” He bought the footage for \$25 and used it on the air that day. Thus began Al's pursuit to become a cameraman for KGO. In 1962, Grimsby, known as “Grim Grimsby” for his gruff no-nonsense delivery of the news, finally relented and hired him. Al stayed at KGO for 30 years covering

the John F. Kennedy assassination, the Vietnam War, the birth of the free speech movement, the kidnapping of newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, and the Loma Prieta earthquake.

He also covered a story that shaped my life and cemented my commitment to public service. Al flew to Guyana with my mentor and boss Congressman Ryan who took a delegation there to investigate the commune Jim Jones had built in Jonestown. Relatives and friends of Jones' followers suspected that he was holding them against their will. They were right and some 40 followers were ready to defect with our delegation. What unfolded was one of the deadliest mass murders in history. Congressman Ryan was assassinated on the airstrip in Port Kaituma, shot 45 times. Three journalists and one defector were shot dead. I was shot five times, left for dead but survived. In the commune, more than 900 followers were murdered with cyanide-laced Kool-Aid. Al was on a plane back to the Bay Area. Upon hearing the news he immediately returned to Guyana to cover the aftermath. Just nine days later, back in San Francisco, Al was sent to cover the assassinations of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. He witnessed and captured one of the most tumultuous and trying periods in Bay Area history.

Al's superb work was recognized with many awards including the California Press Photographer of the Year and the prestigious Silver Circle of the National Academy of TV Arts and Sciences in 2003.

Al Bullock is preceded in death by his ex-wife Edythe and survived by their three children, Candace, Bob and Georgette, their six grandchildren, Stephanie, Lindsey, Sean, Erin, Matthew, and four great-grandchildren, Kelly, Katie, Tyler and Adam.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to rise with me to honor Albert N. Bullock who served our country and led by example. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, a mentor to many, Mr. KGO to his colleagues, and one of a kind. He will be deeply missed.

RECOGNIZING MAX DISPOSTI AS
CONSTITUENT OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Max Disposti, founder of the North County LGBTQ Resource Center, as my next Constituent of the Month. A longtime North County resident, Max's tireless work to open the Center filled a void in support services and resources for LGBTQ families and has made a positive impact on countless lives in our community.

Before Max founded the Center in 2011, many lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual, and questioning youth and families had nowhere to turn in North County, lacking a sense of community that was desperately needed. With the help of others in the community like Maria Al Shamma, who now serves as Board Chair for the Center, Max is able to provide our LGBTQ neighbors with a safe place to receive resources and feel more comfortable in their community. Max and many others at the Center provide critical services such as support