

MOTION

PUBLIC WORKS & GANG REDUCTION

Guy Weddington McCreary, a well-known historian and preservationist in the San Fernando Valley, was a descendent of one of the first families to settle in the Valley, who ultimately established North Hollywood, Studio City and Toluca Lake. Born and raised in the San Fernando Valley, Guy graduated from North Hollywood High School and Whittier College, and then went on to earn a post-graduate degree in government from the Claremont Colleges. It was his family's ties to the Valley that forged his future and fueled his desire to redevelop and revitalize it, as well as preserve its history.

The Weddington family came to present-day North Hollywood in 1886. His great-grandfather, Wilson Weddington, was appointed the first postmaster of the town of Toluca and constable of that same community in 1892. The Weddington's original farm included most of today's North Hollywood business district, and their family farmhouse still stands today on Weddington Street. The Weddington family provided the land or built the first area school, the first jail, the first North Hollywood fire station, the Southern Pacific train depot, the North Hollywood post office, the El Portal Theater, the Bank of Lankershim, the Weddington Brothers General Store and the North Hollywood Library.

Guy's civic involvement included serving as a commissioner on the Los Angeles County Commission for Public Social Services. He was also executive director of the Republican Central Committee of Los Angeles County. He was involved with numerous organizations, including the North Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, the Jaycees, Toluca Little League, the Kiwanis Club of North Hollywood and the Key Club. One of his passions was the Campo de Cahuenga: the birthplace of California. In 1974, McCreary published his highly acclaimed history of the Mexican Revolution, "From Glory to Oblivion."

Guy Weddington McCreary's devotion to the San Fernando Valley, and his commitment to the areas around North Hollywood, Studio City and Toluca Lake have made Los Angeles a better place. In recognition of his contributions to Los Angeles, it is appropriate that the City honor his memory by naming the intersection near Weddington Street and Lankershim Boulevard as "Guy Weddington McCreary Square."

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of Weddington Street and Lankershim Boulevard be named as "Guy Weddington McCreary Square" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial signs to this effect at this location.

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