



PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT PROCLAMATION

Honoring the Life of

Mervyn Dymally

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WHEREAS, Mervyn Dymally, May 12, 1926 to October 7, 2012, was a California Democratic politician; and

WHEREAS, Mervyn Dymally served in the California State Assembly (1963–1966) and the California State Senate (1967–1975), as the 41st Lieutenant Governor of California (1975–1979), and in the U.S. House of Representatives (1981–1993), and returned to politics a decade later to serve in the California State Assembly (2002–2008); and

WHEREAS, Mervyn Dymally, of mixed Indian and Afro-Trinidadian heritage, was the first Trinidadian to serve California as State Senator and Lieutenant Governor, and was one of the first persons of African and Indian origin to serve in the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Mervyn Dymally became one of the first two blacks elected to statewide office since Reconstruction, and one of three African Americans to hold statewide office in California.

Sympathies are sent to his family and friends upon his passing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees honors and thanks the late

Mervyn Dymally

*for his dedicated service to the students and mission
of the Peralta Community College District.*