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Remedios "Remy" V. Geaga or Meding as people knew her, was one of the first pioneers in the 1960's and beyond, in Los Angeles, to become an ardent fighter for the rights of Filipinos. She dedicated her life to community involvement and political empowerment to end discrimination in employment, education, and housing, and for the rights of senior citizens.

Born in San Fernando, La Union, in the northern Philippines, Remy immigrated to the U.S. in 1965 along with her four children, to join her husband, Jose Geaga, an engineer. Upon arriving in the United States, she was dismayed at the plight of Filipinos in the land of plenty- seniors going hungry, people in inadequate housing and enduring racially biased employment and educational practices.

She became a strong advocate for political empowerment and as four-time president of the Filipino American Community of Los Angeles (FACLA), core member of Democratic Party circles, president of the Sampaguita Women's Circle, co-founder of the Bayanihan Seniors Association and co-founder of FASGI- the Filipino American Service Group, Incorporated, she pressed for social services, housing and hot meals for seniors, and programs for youth. She was at the helm of issues highlighting the plight of women, public employees, youth and senior citizens. She fought to see that Philippine trained professionals would be treated equally, and Philippine veterans would receive the recognition and benefits they deserved. She was also active in restoring democratic rule in the Philippines and opposed martial law. She was invited by Philippine President, Cory Aquino, to visit her in the Malacanang Palace in 1987.

In 1988, she and her husband uprooted themselves from their comfortable home in the Larchmont area and moved to the area that is now known as Historic Filipinotown, in order to better serve the seniors and Filipino WWII veterans who had also gravitated to this area. She would have greeted with joy, the designation of Historic Filipinotown.

Remy Geaga lifted the Filipino Community through her tireless work and dedication, leaving a legacy for all generations and in recognition of this legacy of service to the community it is appropriate that the City honor her memory by naming the intersection at Temple Street and Alvarado Boulevard as "Remedios "Remy" V. Geaga Square."

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at Temple Street and Alvarado Boulevard be named as "Remedios "Remy" V. Geaga Square," and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.

PRESENTED BY: Eric Garcetti

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Councilman, 13th District

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