

Portrait in library to honor Eastside leader Jesus Carlos

A photo portrait of the late Jesus "Jess" Carlos, longtime Riverside civic leader, will be ~~presented~~ to the city of Riverside tomorrow as a special feature of Jess Carlos Day, proclaimed by the city as a highlight of Cinco de Mayo activities.

Natividad Fuentes, chairman of the Friends of Jess Carlos committee, will present the portrait at the Riverside Library, where it will be hung, in ceremonies at 10 a.m. Mayor Ab Brown will accept for the city.

Funds for the portrait, made by Harvey Oster, were raised by the committee through donations from throughout the city. Excess funds will be used to buy books for the library on topics of special interest to Hispanic Americans, Fuentes said.

Carlos, who died Nov. 15 last year, was recently honored posthumously as Hispanic of the Year by the local chapter of the Congress for United Communities.

The honor was in recognition of his work in civic organizations such as the Riverside Park and Recreation Commission, the Community Settlement Association, the board of directors of the Opportunities Industrialization Center, American GI Forum, University Area Kiwanis Club and Knights of Columbus.

Operator of Carlos Market at 14th and Howard streets, he was recognized as an unofficial spokesman for the Eastside area as well as for the Hispanic community.