

Hello All....

Yes indeedGilbert Martin , was the Only one I know that gave it, his all, trying to get Recognition for our" Creole Cause"...No one, but No one, comes close to promoting "Creole Culture" and Political Change then Gilbert..He certainly was my mentor and without his guidance there would have been very little movement in the Creole Community...

The Frenchcreole. com Web Site bears his thoughts and Ideas..The Name "Frenchcreoles" was first Coined by Gilbert Martin..I first encountered his name 10 years past, thru a National newspaper article suggesting that the Creole people should have a seperate catagory on the Race box on the Census form.. It made national news and I'm sure everyone in Washington was aware of.it..

We've met many times at the Veterans home in Yountville California (Napa Valley) mapping out stratagies and Challenging this Governments' failure to keep its' Word and it's failure to honor the "Louisiana Purchase Treaty"...He was catagorily rebuffed by the Former Mayor of New Orleans only because he was afraid he would lose the African American vote ...I know because I was there... I could go on and on and on...but it would take ,forever, to mention all the things he has done to promote the Creole Cause.

I cannot say there will never be another man like Gilbert.because Gil would want his work to Continue and there needs to be some Creole Leadership that can stand up and keep the ball rolling.Gilbert and Marion were the ones that has brought the American and the International Creole Community together and as a Result we are beginning to see great changes in our Community

The most disappointing Thing he has had to face ,was that there was absolutely no support from anyone in the Creole Community except from Marion Ferreira, not even a dime in Contributions was given to support his cause by any Creoles or anyone else I know...

Gilbert' was a" Creole" of Haitian Extraction and many Creoles held that against him, but I have Never seen any one" Creole "come close to him in his effort to bring Justice to the Creole Community....John Sarpy was right, Gilbert has had a lasting effect on the Creole Community and it will get better..

The best gift of appreciation any one of us can give is to continue his work and not let his "Efforts" die in vein.

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