



Dedication Ceremony William Alexander Leidesdorff Jr. Memorial Highway

International dignatires will join members of the surviving family to celebrate the dedication of the William Alexander Leidesdorff Jr. Memorial Highway

([PRWEB](#)) August 8, 2004 -- Our Sacramento Regional Community is inviting you to attend a historic dedication ceremony to name a portion of U.S. Highway 50, the William Alexander Leidedorff, Jr. Memorial Highway.

California Assemblyman Dave Cox, with bipartisan support, successfully authored legislation to create William Alexander Leidesdorff, Jr. Memorial Highway, along the 160 year old, Rancho Rio de Los Americanos.

Honorable William Alexander Leidesodorff, Jr. served our nation as the first African American Diplomat in U.S. history (1845-1846) Vice-Cousul of Mexican Alta California.

His good name was well known in the Port communities of New York, Maryland, Louisiana, Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska and California as a successful and reliable maritime merchant during the age of sail.

In 1848, Leidesdorff owned the largest home in San Francisco, 41 downtown lots, he built the City Hotel, he built the first shipping warehouse and ship building yards at the Port of San Francisco, donated land to build the first public school in California, while serving as President of the first Public Board of Education.

Leidesdorff capitained the only steam vessel in California prior to the Gold Rush and his ship, "The Sitka" is seen on the California State Seal showcasing his vision for Agricultural Export from the Sacramento Valley to world markets.

Early California maps clearly show the Leidesdorf Ranch, over 35,000 acres of fertile land, showcasing the early vision of Black Farmers and Agriculturalists in California History.

International dignitaries will join members of the surviving family to honor and share globally a truely amazing California Golden Legacy.

The Leidesdorff Project
hosts a Free Community Dedication Ceremony

of the

William Alexander Leidesdorff, Jr.
Memorial Highway

Saturday, October 9, 2004
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Courtyard By Marriott Folsom
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