

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2956

Introduced by **REP. DANILO P. LAGBAS & REP. EDUARDO FIRMALO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

There is no more proper and befitting way for the Filipino people and our country to give our tribute to the revolutionary priest, **Bishop Gregorio Aglipay**, who fought for our independence and founded the Filipino Church, whose headquarters is located in Taft Avenue.

Referred to as the only living fruit of the 1896 Philippine revolution against the Spanish colonial rule, the Iglesia Filipina Independiente was founded out of the aspirations of the people to be free and independent. The leaders of the Union Obrera Democratica proclaimed the *Iglesia Filipina Independiente* and named a co-founder, **Gregorio L. Aglipay**, a distinguished revolutionary, religious reformer, guerilla leader and a military vicar, as its Obispo Maximo during the early years of US colonial period.

The birth of the Iglesia Filipina Independiente is a product of a laborious and long process of formation of national identity and political consciousness of a sovereign people. In short, the nationalist tradition of the Iglesia Filipina Independiente is closely intertwined with the struggle for freedom in the Philippines, which started during the Spanish colonial period.

Indeed, the name **Bishop Gregorio L. Aglipay** is synonymous with the long history of the Filipino struggle for freedom. The IFI Church Headquarters at Taft Avenue is also symbolic of the struggle for survival of a Filipino Church that is run by Filipino clergy. The Church founded by Bishop Aglipay, located in Taft Avenue, is a living monument of that struggle.

Thus, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CHANGING THE NAME OF THE TAFT AVENUE TO
BISHOP GREGORIO AGLIPAY AVENUE

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1 Section 1. The name Taft Avenue is hereby changed to Bishop
2 Gregorio Aglipay Avenue.

3 Section 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways
4 (DPWH) is hereby instructed to place the appropriate names and
5 markers along Bishop Gregorio Aglipay Avenue.

6 Section 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

7 Approved.