

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. **3654**



Introduced by Representatives **JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI,**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The life and struggles of the late Senator Jose W. Diokno makes us proud to be a Filipino. He was a man of substance and conviction. An equally distinguished Filipino, former Senator Benigno Aquino, Jr. once described him as, "The most brilliant Filipino in his generation and the best President we did not have."

Sen. Diokno always excelled in whatever endeavor he chose to do, because he always gave his best. He topped the bar examination in 1944 even without the benefit of a law degree; graduated Summa cum laude at De La Salle University; and topped the CPA Board examination. As a Senator, he was consistently chosen as an outstanding senator by the Philippines Free Press for his legislative work that were markedly pro-people, pro-poor, and nationalist.

Sen. Diokno was a genuine leader of the Filipino people. He consistently went against the tide when he was convicted after a thorough study that it was in the best interest of our nation and people.

At a time when most statesmen of Southeast Asia, equated good foreign policy with towing the line of the most dominant foreign power, Senator Diokno chose to go against the tide, and advocated in his deeds and advocacies, an independent foreign policy that placed the interest of our people and our nation as the main pillar of our foreign policy.

As a lawyer, he defended and asserted the democratic rights of the Filipino people when it was most dangerous to do so, resulting in his arrest and indefinite detention. At a time when most lawyers did not want to touch on human rights cases because there was martial rule, he founded the Free Legal Assistance Group (FLAG), a human rights group that defended victims of human rights.

For all his selfless dedication to our people and nation, this representation deems it only proper to honor him by calling a main thoroughfare as the Senator Jose W. Diokno Avenue

Hence, the urgency of this proposed measure.



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AN ACT
CHANGING THE NAME OF C-5 IN TAGUIG, METRO MANILA TO SENATOR
JOSE W. DIOKNO AVENUE

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

Section 1. In recognition of the eminent and patriotic services of the late Senator Jose W. Diokno, the name C-5 in Taguig, Metro Manila is hereby changed to Senator Jose W. Diokno Avenue.

Section 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is hereby instructed to place the appropriate street names and markers along Senator Jose W. Diokno Highway

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

Approved,