

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 5118



Introduced by **Rep. Nanette Castillo Daza**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The late Justice Cecilia Muñoz-Palma was the first woman prosecutor, first woman judge (Court of First Instance), next woman Associate Justice (Court of Appeals) and first woman justice of the Supreme Court thereby breaking tradition in the judicial practice.

Known to be a staunch advocate of the rule of law, she challenged the regime of 'constitutional authoritarianism' of then President Ferdinand Marcos by embracing a dissenting view in three celebrated habeas corpus cases earning for her much public accolade.

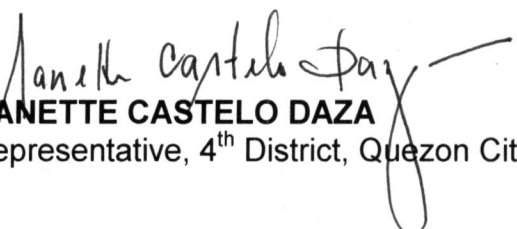
Best remembered for her battle-cry – "One Marcos cannot stop us all", Justice Palma was instrumental in dismantling the dictatorship and military rule and thus Fr. Joaquin Bernas, SJ aptly described her as "precursor, the John the Baptist of the Cory Aquino administration".

Justice Palma has proven her worth as President of the Constitutional Commission of 1986 that was to draft the fundamental law of the land, now known as the 1987 Constitution. Even at the age of 86, she accepted appointment as head of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office thus implementing an honest-to-goodness humanitarian program for PCSO.

On top of a hundreds of awards and recognition, she was awarded by the International Women's Federation as a "Woman who made a Difference".

For all these, it behooves upon this honorable Congress to rename Gilmore Avenue and Granada Street in Quezon City where she has lived for over 60 years as the "Justice Cecilia Muñoz-Palma Avenue" in fitting tribute to the legacy and contribution she has selflessly given .

The approval of this bill is henceforth earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
RENAMING GILMORE-GRANADA ROAD FROM E. RODRIGUEZ AVENUE
IN BARANGAY MARIANA ENDING AT SANTOLAN ROAD IN BARANGAY
VALENCIA IN QUEZON CITY TO 'JUSTICE CECILIA MUÑOZ-PALMA
AVENUE' IN HONOR OF A NATIONAL TREASURE

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

SECTION 1. The Gilmore Avenue from E. Rodriguez Avenue located in Barangay Mariana and connecting to Granada Road that ends in Santolan Road in Barangay Valencia in Quezon City is hereby renamed "Justice Cecilia Muñoz-Palma Avenue".

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,