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House Bill No. 2821

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE ERIC L. OLIVAREZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

President María Corazon “Cory” Cojuangco Aquino was the eleventh president of the Philippines who served from March 25, 1986 – June 30, 1992, right after the 21-year authoritarian rule of former President Ferdinand Marcos. Remarkably, she was the first woman to hold such office in the country and was also the first female president in the entire continent of Asia.

From being a plain housewife, President Cory emerged as a leader of the opposition to President Marcos and the Martial Law Administration after her husband Senator Benigno Aquino, who was known to be a staunch critic of the said administration, was assassinated on August 21, 1983 upon returning to the Philippines from exile in the United States.

President Cory Aquino has been known as the “Mother of Philippine Democracy”. She has successfully championed the

freedom of the nation from an iron-fist ruler and has triumphantly lead a peaceful People Power revolution against a dictator.

Aside from this, President Cory has also initiated various constitutional, political, economic and agrarian reforms which sought to revive the overall stability of the country after suffering a significant decline during the term of her predecessor.

During her term, President Aquino spearheaded the promulgation of the 1987 Constitution which set standards limiting the powers of the President and re-established the bicameral Congress. Her administration focused on the promotion and preservation of the citizens' civil liberties and human rights. She was also vigilantly engaging in several peace talks to resolve the ongoing Communist insurgency and Islamist secession movements. Her economic policies on the other hand, were geared to resuscitate the economic health of our country and restore the confidence of the investors.

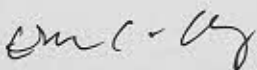
President Aquino, upon assuming office, had this incredibly challenging duty to drive the Philippines into recovery from the ill effects of Martial Law; and in a matter of time she was able to revitalize the nation by leadership of example.

From the foregoing, it is undeniable how President Cory Aquino contributed to the positive development of our nation and our national pride. Freedom from Martial Law in fact could be considered the greatest achievement of our nation thus far and the former lady president has definitely played an insurmountable role in the restoration of our nation's democracy.

President Cory Aquino has rendered an exceptional service to our country. Hence, despite the fact that she has passed away only very recently on 01 August 2009, it is nonetheless proper and high-time to give tribute to her and relive her achievements as a former president of the Philippines who valiantly guided the

nation during a very dark and difficult period. Thus, it is the intention of this bill to rename a national road to join a thoroughfare which was named after her husband, the Ninoy A. Aquino Avenue.

It is for this purpose that this bill is being sought to be passed.


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**“AN ACT RENAMING DR. ARCADIO SANTOS AVENUE
(FORMERLY SUCAT ROAD), PARANAQUE CITY TO
PRESIDENT CORY AQUINO AVENUE.”**

Section 1. In recognition of the remarkable achievements and contributions of the late President Corazon Aquino especially in the restoration of our country's democracy way back 1986 to 1992, the Dr. Arcadio Santos Avenue (formerly Sucat Road), Paranaque City is hereby renamed as **PRESIDENT CORY AQUINO AVENUE**.

Section 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways is hereby directed to implement the provision of this Act.

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

APPROVED.