

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3673



Introduced by **HONORABLE ROMERO "MIRO" S. QUIMBO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to rename Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City to Eraño G. Manalo Avenue as tribute to one of the most influential and dynamic spiritual leaders of the contemporary society.

Eraño G. Manalo, named as such by his father Brother Felix Y. Manalo from the words "era" and "nuevo" or "new era", was an Executive Minister of *Iglesia ni Cristo*. True to his name, Eraño, or Ka Erdy, was deemed to have brought a new era in Church administration, with the expansion of INC, both locally and internationally, during his time. Under the forty six (46) years of Ka Erdy's leadership, the INC membership continuously grew in number, houses of worship proliferated, and their organization expanded in six continents of the world.¹ But the expansion of the INC under the leadership of Ka Erdy did not only manifest in church membership, but also in the growth of the Church teachings facilitated by him through the various lectures, worship services and books that he created.

Indeed, Ka Erdy's life did not serve to benefit only his Church but the whole nation as well. His accomplishments, which were achieved through the use of his ideals and principles to benefit his brothers and sisters, serve as model for Filipinos to emulate. He forged unity and nationalism amidst the challenges of the times in steering his Church to a new era. Truly, he is a man deserving of a lifelong recognition.

Some of the lasting legacies of Ka Erdy situated along Commonwealth Avenue include the INC Central Office Complex, Central Temple and Museum, Tabernacle Multi-Purpose Hall, New Era College, New Era General Hospital and the EVCO Building. With the establishment of these structures, the area blossomed into an important institutional core of the INC, especially as it is where the main worship area of the members is located. Thus,

¹ "Remembering Iglesia ni Cristo Executive Minister Brother Eraño G. Manalo (1925-2009)." iNewMedia website. <www.inewmedia.org/remembering-brother-erano-g-manalo-1925-2009/5296/>, accessed January 10, 1989.

when Ka Erdy departed in 2009, thousands flocked at the Commonwealth Avenue to bid him farewell and celebrate the life of a spiritual leader who has greatly touched their lives. It is only fitting that Ka Erdy be recognized where his heritage is deeply rooted.

In view thereof, the expedient approval of this bill is strongly recommended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Romero S. Quimbo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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**AN ACT RENAMING THE COMMONWEALTH AVENUE IN QUEZON CITY METRO
MANILA INTO ERAÑO G. MANALO AVENUE**

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

SECTION 1. The Commonwealth Avenue extending from the Elliptical Road, the Iglesia Ni Cristo Office Complex, and all the way to North Fairview in Quezon City, Metro Manila, is hereby renamed ERAÑO G. MANALO AVENUE.

SECTION 2. The Department of Public Works (DPWH) is hereby directed to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 3. All issuances, laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof not consistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,