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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. B. No. 4398

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ARCADIO H. GORRICETA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The late Senator Benigno "Ninoy" S. Aquino, Jr. showed his love for country and fellow Filipinos by fighting a dictatorial regime to regain democracy and freedom of the people. He fought for it even at the cost of his very own life.

His death inspired the Filipino people to continue his struggle that eventually led to the downfall of an autocrat in what the whole world now knows as the "1986 EDSA PEOPLE POWER REVOLUTION" which catapulted his widow, President Corazon C. Aquino, to the highest position of the land.

To show gratitude for the unparalleled contribution of Senator Aquino to Philippine democracy and freedom that we all Filipinos now enjoy, this bill seeks to name after him the Iloilo Diversion Road / Iloilo Capiz Road (Old Route) which begins at the Junction of General Luna to the Airport Access Road and up to the Gate of the Iloilo International Airport, traversing the municipalities of Pavia, Sta. Barbara and Cabatuan, and Iloilo City, with a total length of 16.6153 kilometers.

The naming therefore of the road as "Senator Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. Avenue" shall serve as a showcase of a vital segment in Philippine history. It shall likewise be a constant reminder to ourselves and to the whole world that we Filipinos adhere to democracy and freedom. It is but a fitting tribute to him whom we rightly revere as a "national hero and modern-day Rizal, who was one of the world's earliest proponents of fighting for freedom" through peaceful and non-violent means.

All the foregoing considered, it is urgently requested that this bill be passed into law.


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AN ACT NAMING A STRETCH OF THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY ALONG THE ILOILO DIVERSION ROAD / ILOILO CAPIZ ROAD (OLD ROUTE) WHICH BEGINS AT THE JUNCTION OF GENERAL LUNA TO THE AIRPORT ACCESS ROAD AND ENDS AT THE GATE OF THE ILOILO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TRAVERSING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PAVIA, STA. BARBARA AND CABATUAN, AND ILOILO CITY, AS "SENATOR BENIGNO S. AQUINO, JR. AVENUE"

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

1 SECTION 1. A stretch of the national highway along the Iloilo Diversion Road / Iloilo
2 Capiz Road (Old Route) which begins at the Junction of General Luna to the Airport
3 Access Road and ends at the Gate of the Iloilo International Airport, traversing the
4 municipalities of Pavia, Sta. Barbara and Cabatuan, and Iloilo City, with a total
5 length of 16.6153 kilometers, shall hereinafter be known as the "Senator Benigno S.
6 Aquino, Jr. Avenue."
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8 SEC. 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary
9 rules, orders and circulars to implement the provision of this Act.
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11 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a
12 newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.