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H. B. No. **4400**



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ARCADIO H. GORRICETA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to name the newly-constructed Iloilo Circumferential Road as "President Cory C. Aquino Avenue," a four-lane thoroughfare that spans 14.3217 kilometers. Such major thoroughfare commences at the junction of the Iloilo-Dumangas Coastal Road in Balabago, Jaro District, Iloilo City and follows a general westward direction along the floodway's south bank towards Buhang, Jaro; Tacas, Jaro and Ungka II, Pavia. It then traverses southwards to the Mandurriao District, Iloilo City-Pavia-San Miguel tri-border, and ends at the Iloilo-Antique Road near the center of Arevalo District, Iloilo City.

Similar to the major thoroughfare's design of linking key communities separated by geographical bounds, President Corazon "Cory" C. Aquino's administration aimed to unify various sects divided by conflicting socio-political views. During a time when discord abounded as rival political factions struggle for dominance, President Aquino remained steadfast in her mission to pursue reconciliation and unite our nation.

This circumferential road opens remote areas to economic opportunities awaiting just beyond their boundaries, and thereby making institutions of progress accessible to the people. Comparable to this attribute is President Aquino's style of governance, which emphasizes on bringing the government closer to its constituents and reaching out to the marginalized sectors of the society. "While the dictatorship of the previous regime had built moats and walls around the seat of power and isolated itself from the people, President Aquino saw the chasm and built bridges. Under her leadership, the centuries-old Malacañan palace groaned under the weight of over a million pairs of feet, as such house of government is once again open to the public. Far from being merely symbolic, the palace had been brought back to the people."¹

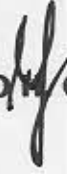
This newly constructed path that encircles the Iloilo City serves as a solution to the intensifying traffic congestion, which remarkably slows progress in the area. In the same way, President Aquino used herself as a solution to the difficulties faced by our country during a time of economic uncertainty and political instability. To save

¹Official website of the late President Corazon C. Aquino. www.coryaquino.ph

an entire nation from socio-political retrogression, she submitted herself to the will of the people and served as their bridge towards a unified and prosperous Philippines.

For her remarkable contribution to the healing of this once divided nation, it is only fitting to immortalize her sacrifices by naming the Iloilo Circumferential Road—an avenue that shares several features with the late President Aquino's brand of leadership—after her.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT NAMING AS THE "PRESIDENT CORY C. AQUINO AVENUE" THE CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD, WHICH COMMENCES AT THE JUNCTION OF THE ILOILO-DUMANGAS COASTAL ROAD IN BALABAGO, JARO DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY, THEN FOLLOWS A GENERAL WESTWARD DIRECTION ALONG THE FLOODWAY'S SOUTH BANK TOWARDS BUHANG, JARO; TACAS, JARO AND UNGKA II, PAVIA, THEN TRAVERSES SOUTHWARDS TO THE MANDURRIAIO DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY-PAVIA-SAN MIGUEL TRI-BORDER, AND ENDS AT THE ILOILO-ANTIQUÉ ROAD NEAR THE CENTER OF AREVALO DISTRICT, ILOILO CITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. A four-lane circumferential road that spans 14.3217 kilometers shall be
2 known as the "President Cory C. Aquino Avenue", which commences at the junction
3 of the Iloilo-Dumangas Coastal Road in Balabago, Jaro District, Iloilo City, then
4 follows a general westward direction along the floodway's south bank towards
5 Buhang, Jaro; Tacas, Jaro and Ungka II, Pavia, then traverses southwards to the
6 Mandurriao District, Iloilo City-Pavia-San Miguel tri-border, and ends at the Iloilo-
7 Antique Road near the center of Arevalo District, Iloilo City.
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9 SEC. 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary
10 rules, orders and circulars to implement the provisions of this Act.
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12 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper
13 of general circulation.

Approved.