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Explanatory Note

The bill seeks to change the name of Clark International Airport in Clark Field, Pampanga to Corazon C. Aquino International Airport (CCAIA) as a fitting tribute to a beloved president, global icon of democracy and daughter of Central Luzon.

It will be recalled that after the onslaught of Mt. Pinatubo, President Cory was very instrumental in helping Pampanga and surrounding provinces, including the former US bases, rise from the ashes of the volcanic eruption.

Her shining example of courage in the face of many adversities and her faith in the Almighty became a beacon of hope for her Cabalens during those dark times. She provided both material and moral support to the areas affected by Mt. Pinatubo through the establishment of the Mt. Pinatubo Commission and the accompanying USD 2B budget to rehabilitate the devastated areas. As a result of this firm resolve and commitment, majority of the provinces, despite widespread devastation, were able to bounce back after only a few years.

President Cory likewise signed RA 7727 otherwise known as the Bases Conversion and Development Act which planned and implemented alternative uses for the abandoned US Bases, ultimately giving birth to the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA), Clark Development Corporation (CDC) and Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC) -- now corridors of economic growth and productivity.

Changing the airport's name is also consistent with the current policy of nationalizing roads, airports and other institutions in the country and veering away from our colonial past.

It is for these reasons that I respectfully urge for the support and approval of this bill.


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AN ACT
CHANGING THE NAME OF CLARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN PAMPANGA TO
CORAZON C. AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

SECTION 1. *Renaming the Clark International Airport.* — The name of Clark International Airport, located within the Clark Civil Aviation Complex in Pampanga, is hereby changed to Corazon C. Aquino International Airport.

SECTION 2. *Diosdado Macapagal Passenger Terminal* — The existing passenger terminal within the airport shall continue to bear President Diosdado Macapagal's name.

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, executive orders, letters of instruction, rules and regulations, or provisions thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in any national newspaper of general circulation.