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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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House Bill No. **4837**



Introduced by: HON. AMADO S. BAGATSING

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to rename Cabildo St. in Intramuros Manila to Capt. Gregorio Oca Street in recognition of Capt. Oca's selfless and tireless support for the welfare and benefits of the Filipino seafarer and the maritime community.

Captain Oca organized the Associated Marine Officers' Union of the Philippines (AMOUN) on Nov 11, 1960 with Phil. Transport General Workers' Organization (PTGWO) as the mother federation, to help address the sad plight of the lowly paid Filipino seafarer who had little protection from the hazards of his profession such as sickness, accident and death. In 1970, or ten years thereafter, AMOUN merged with the Associated Seamen's Union of the Philippines (ASUP) to form one cohesive organization and eventually affiliated itself with the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITWF), a move that significantly improved work conditions and membership growth.

He passed away in November 2010. Today, membership stands at over 100,000 and our maritime community boasts of a Seamen's Center, Seamen's Hospital and Sailor's Home Manila all located at Cabildo Street Intramuros Manila. Indeed, Captain Oca's dream of providing more socialized benefits has come true and he has helped the Filipino seafarer earn the respect and admiration of the global maritime community. His son, Dr. Conrado F. Oca, now heads AMOSUP to continue the journey his father has started.

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


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AN ACT
RENAMING CABILDO STREET IN INTRAMUROS MANILA TO CAPT.
GREGORIO S. OCA STREET AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section 1. The present Cabildo Street is hereby renamed as the new "Capt. Gregorio S. Oca Street."

Section 2. Under this Act, Cabildo Street in Intramuros, Manila is renamed as "Capt. Gregorio S. Oca Street" in fitting tribute to his invaluable contribution to the Filipino maritime community.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect sixty (60) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,