



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. 5925



Introduced by **HON. ROMEO M. ACOP**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to name the Rizal Police Provincial Office Camp, hereinafter referred to as the 'PNP Camp', in Cabrera Road, Barangay Dolores, Municipality of Taytay, Province of Rizal, to Camp General Licerio I. Geronimo.

The PNP camp which has an area of roughly fifty-one thousand three hundred thirty-two (51,332) square meters was acquired by the National Government in 1972 by virtue of a Deed of Donation executed by the Rizal Provincial Government through the then Provincial Governor Isidro S. Rodriguez. The camp serves as the headquarters of the Rizal Police Provincial Office (RPPO) that ensures public safety and order in the Province of Rizal.

On November 3, 1993, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Rizal, citing Section 14 of Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code, passed Ordinance No. 93-43 renaming the camp to Camp General Licerio I Geronimo in honor of the great revolutionary leader. However, considering that the camp is a property owned by the National Government, the

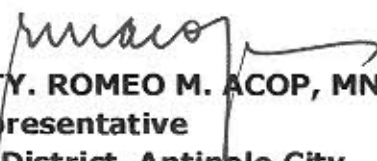
ordinance cannot take effect as the power to rename relates only to public places and buildings owned by the provincial government.

Records of the National Historical Institute indicate that General Licerio I. Geronimo saw action under Andres Bonifacio in the Battle of San Juan del Monte against the Spaniards and successfully defended Mt. Puray in Rodriguez, Rizal in 1897. Then on December 19, 1899, Gen. Geronimo led the Filipino forces in San Mateo, Rizal against the advancing American troops under General Henry W. Lawton and killed the American general in the process. These military successes earned Gen. Geronimo the recognition as one of the top heroes in the fight for freedom and independence, and endeared him to the people of the Province of Rizal.

The manner we honor our heroes reflect our sense of nationalism and love for our country. Hence, renaming the PNP Camp in Taytay, Rizal, after the late General Licerio I. Geronimo will serve as a lasting testament of his patriotism and sacrifice for our country.

This bill was originally filed in 2004 during the 13th Congress principally by Representative Michael John Duavit. It was approved on Third Reading by the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Senate for its concurrence. Unfortunately, the Senate failed to act on the measure.

For the foregoing reasons, the immediate consideration and passage of this bill is earnestly urged.


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AN ACT
RENAMING THE HILLTOP RIZAL PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE
(PNP) COMMAND IN TAYTAY, RIZAL
AS CAMP GENERAL LICERIO GERONIMO

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

SECTION 1. The Hilltop Rizal Philippine National Police (PNP) Command in the Municipality of Taytay, Province of Rizal is hereby renamed as Camp General Licerio Geronimo.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.