



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

Sixteenth Congress
Third Regular Session

HOUSE BILL No. 6222



Introduced by: CONGRESSMAN VICTOR F. ORTEGA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure, filed during the Sixteenth Congress as House Bill No. _____, proposes to name the Diversion Road, a secondary national road built from the Countrywide Development Funds and Priority Development Assistance Funds, in the capital City of San Fernando, Province of La Union as Governor Justo O. Orros, Jr. Highway.

The Diversion Road of 10.34 kms. was built as an alternative road from south to north on the Eastern part parallel to the National Highway, to ease the traffic of the central business district of then Municipality, now City of San Fernando, starting from Barangay Sevilla to Barangay Bangcusay of the capital and continued up to Barangay Ili Sur of the Municipality of San Juan, now a tourism point of destination for surfers. More than Two hundred families were relocated to the Sagayad Relocation Village, on the land purchased by the Provincial Government then headed by Governor Justo O. Orros, Jr. This cleared the railroad area owned by the PNR, which was subsequently leased to the City of San Fernando for ONE PESO (P1.00) a year.

The Diversion Road is a symbol of good synergy between national and local officials. Then Congressman Victor F. Ortega of the First District of La Union envisioned the increase in traffic especially when the Municipality of San Fernando would become a city. As Chairman of the Committee on Public Works and Highways during the Tenth Congress, Cong. Victor F. Ortega was able to get the support of the Secretary of Public Works and Highways Gregorio Vigilar and ex-officio Chairman of the PNR, who agreed on the need of a diversion road to ease the traffic of those travelling to the northern provinces of Ilocos Sur, Abra and Ilocos Norte. Governor Orros with Cong. Ortega together looked for solutions on the relocation of the families living on the PNR property, Gov Orros also served as Mayor of the Municipality of San Fernando, Senior Board members of the Province of La Union, and Ambassador to Mexico until his death.



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AN ACT
NAMING THE DIVERSION ROAD FROM BARANGAY SEVILLA, SAN FERNANDO
CITY IN THE SOUTH TO BARANGAY ILI SUR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN
JUAN, LA UNION IN THE NORTH AS GOVERNOR JUSTO O. ORROS, JR.
HIGHWAY

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

SECTION 1. The Diversion Road from Barangay Sevilla, San Fernando City in the south to Barangay Ili Sur of the Municipality of San Juan, La Union in the north be named as Governor Justo O. Orros, Jr. Highway.

SEC. 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, orders and circulars to implement the provision of this Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,