

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4566



Introduced by: HON. JOSE ANTONIO R. SY-ALVARADO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to rename the McArthur Highway/Manila North Road to General Gregorio Del Pilar Highway.

The McArthur Highway is also known as the Manila North Road (Manor). It follows much of the route of the old Manila Railroad Line from Manila to Dagupan in Pangasinan. On June 17, 1961, the section of the Manila North Road between Manila and Pangasinan was renamed to McArthur Highway in honor of one of the greatest American generals who was known as the "Liberator of the Philippines" during World War II, General Douglas McArthur.

The name of the McArthur Highway/Manila North Road, which starts from the Bonifacio Monument roundabout at Epifanio de los Santos Avenue (EDSA) in Caloocan, Metro Manila then passes through the provinces of Bulacan, Pampanga, Tarlac in Central Luzon then to the Northern Luzon provinces of Pangasinan, La Union, Ilocos Sur until it ends at the Maharlika Highway in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, with a total distance of five hundred (500) kilometers.

It was built in sections beginning in 1928 during the American colonial period. It was named Highway 3 and was also called Route 3 in early U.S. military records. The highway eventually reached the Ilocos provinces in the north thus it was called as the Manila North Road.

The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) included in the guidelines of naming roads, schools, buildings, and other important public structures that the name to be used must have historical and cultural significance and must contribute to the positive development of national pride through good example exhibited by such person.

General Gregorio Del Pilar was one of the youngest generals in the Philippine revolutionary forces. He was a general in the Philippine Revolution and Philippine-American War. He fought and won different battles reclaiming freedom for the different provinces of our country. His death at the age of 24 is a perpetual reminder that heroism knows no age.

Renaming the McArthur Highway/Manila North Road to General Gregorio Del Pilar Highway will bestow distinct honor and perpetuate the memory of our national hero General Gregorio Del Pilar. If favorably passed into law, it will constantly remind us of the noble deeds of General Gregorio Del Pilar and inspire our people to emulate his example of obedience to lawful orders and selfless sacrifice while his exceptional courage and leadership gave inspiration and hope to the Filipino people at a critical time in our country's history.

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

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**AN ACT RENAMING MCARTHUR HIGHWAY/MANILA NORTH ROAD TO
GENERAL GREGORIO DEL PILAR HIGHWAY**

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

SECTION 1. The name of the McArthur Highway/Manila North Road, which starts from the Bonifacio Monument roundabout at Epifanio de los Santos Avenue (EDSA) in Caloocan, Metro Manila then passes through the provinces of Bulacan, Pampanga, Tarlac in Central Luzon then to the Northern Luzon provinces of Pangasinan, La Union, Ilocos Sur until it ends at the Maharlika Highway in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, with a total distance of five hundred (500) kilometers, is hereby renamed to General Gregorio Del Pilar Highway.

SECTION 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall implement the provision of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

