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House Bill No. 4673



Introduced by Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Gov. Erico B. Aumentado (born May 18, 1940 in Ubay, Bohol) rose from extreme poverty to become a scholar, valedictorian in his graduations, journalist, lawyer, civic and religious leader, senior Provincial Board member, vice governor, congressman and deputy speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, chairman of the influential 52-member bloc of Visayas congressmen, governor of Bohol for an unprecedented three consecutive terms and two-time representative of the 2nd District, he won all his political battles since 1967. He was set to do battle again in the 2013 elections but his death on December 25, 2012, ended his illustrious political career.

The only Boholano to become Deputy Speaker, he is also a past president of both the League of Provinces of the Philippines and the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) He served as Regional Development Council and Regional Tourism Council chairman of Region VII where he worked for the socio-economic development of Central Visayas to make it a major tourism destination of the country.

Gov. Aumentado restored Bohol as one of the country's most peaceful provinces through his program on Poverty Reduction for Peace and Development as cited by the National Peace Order Council. His brainchild, the Bohol Local Integrated Security System (BLISS) that insulates the province from re-entry of insurgents, contraband and other forms of lawlessness which was a template adapted by the Philippine Army for other local government units to follow. In fact, Bohol was declared insurgency free by then Defense Secretary Norberto Gonzales on February 11, 2010 after Aumentado succeeded to move out Bohol from the 20 poorest provinces of the country and made it 113% rice self-sufficient for which it is now providing rice to Cebu, Dumaguete and Siquijor.

He brought to Bohol mega infrastructure and poverty reduction projects worth well over P15 billion and presided over Bohol's phenomenal socio-economic development.

The architect of the Bohol master plan which developed Bohol as a primary tourism destination and to put up an International Airport in Panglao Island. Aumentado worked hard to accomplish the circumferential roads of Bohol and Panglao Island and the various roll-on-roll-off ports of Bohol as well as the start of the Bohol International Airport.

He was the catalyst of the Major Bohol Irrigation Project namely: Capayas, Malinao, Zamora, Bayongan Dams, with Benliw and Bonot Bonot Dams which are now for implementation and the Leyte-Bohol Interconnection Project which now electrifies the entire Province of Bohol.

Gov. Aumentado championed the construction of school buildings and employment of additional teachers at a ratio of 1 teacher per 1 new classroom. He worked on completing the concrete and asphalt paving of all national roads in the 2nd District of Bohol, energize all sitios and public schools, established the Botica ng Barangay, built irrigation facilities and post-harvest facilities. He also pushed to build major seaports, an airport, waterworks for the towns and barangays, livelihood program through tourism and alternative seaweeds farming for illegal fishers as well as the protection and preservation of our environment and marine resources.

Aumentado principally authored the bill that would later on become Republic Act No. 8224 renaming Circumferential road 5 or C5 into Carlos P. Garcia Avenue wherein a monument was also constructed in honor of the only Boholano to become President of the Philippines so far and father of Filipino First Policy, Pres. Carlos P. Garcia.

Above all this, the man aptly dubbed as "Mr. Performance" and "Mr. Achiever" is credited for the implementation of the Bohol Circumferential Road phase 1 and 2 initially.

Thus it is fitting and proper to honor his memory by renaming the landmark Bohol Circumferential Road as Gov. Erico B. Aumentado Highway.

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


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AN ACT
RENAMING THE ENTIRE BOHOL CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD IN THE
PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO GOV. ERICO B. AUMENTADO HIGHWAY

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

Section 1. Governor Erico Boyles Aumentado served with distinction as provincial board member, vice governor, congressman, deputy speaker and governor of Bohol.

Section 2. To perpetuate his memory, the entire Circumferential Road in Bohol, is hereby renamed as the Gov. Erico B. Aumentado Highway.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.