

**Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City**

**Seventeenth Congress
First Regular Session**

HOUSE BILL NO. 4764



Introduced by **Representative Frederick "Erick" Abueg**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This House Bill was previously filed in the Sixteenth Congress as House Bill No. 6427. It was first read on February 3, 2016 and was referred to the Committee on Public Works and Highways.

This proposed bill seeks to name the Puerto Princesa City south road, starting from the national road at Junction 1, Puerto Princesa City passing through the municipalities of Aborlan, Narra, Sofronio Española, Barangay Rio Tuba, Bataraza at the east coast, and turning back to Puerto Princesa City from the west coast, again passing those municipalities up to Barangay Bacungan, Puerto Princesa City in the province of Palawan, as Governor Alfredo M. Abueg National Circumferential Road.

On 6 June 1946, Governor Alfredo M. Abueg, Sr. was appointed as Governor of Palawan by President Manuel Roxas. He was tasked to rebuild and rehabilitate the province from the damages of World War II. He also reestablished the provincial hospital, Palawan High School, Aborlan High School and other buildings. On 19 November 1947, during his first term as Governor of Palawan, he opened resettlement in the municipalities of Roxas, Brooke's Point, Quezon and Puerto Princesa City.

Accordingly, with his good relation with the US military command in Palawan related to the State Department, without Governor Abueg's knowing, he was given one of the two submarine chasers in the Philippines by the US government while the other submarine chaser was given to the King of Siam. In order to receive the submarine chaser, Cong. Sofronio Española was tasked to proceed to Subic Bay, signing on a piece of paper, "received 1 submarine chaser for Gov. Abueg." Out of his good heart, Governor Abueg waived the right to personally use the submarine and instead, transferred it to Palawan as Provincial Government Property. It was the only means of transportation, connecting different parts and islands in Palawan. The submarine was named Princess of Palawan. It was used in transporting immigrants

from Samar, Negros Occidental, Bohol and as far as Bicol, and also transporting Palawenos from the islands to settle in the mainland of Palawan.

Governor Abueg is the "Father of settlement projects," in the same way he constructed hundreds of feeder roads in Palawan and was known to be the "Father of feeder roads." The road construction from Aborlan to Abo-abo, Narra to Brooke's Point, then to Bataraza commenced during his term of office as Governor. The development of Palawan up to the present time was carried out pursuant to the physical development plan made by Governor Abueg.

With his accomplishment in developing Palawan, it is only just and fitting that the Puerto Princesa City south road be named as Governor Alfredo M. Abueg National Circumferential Road starting from Junction 1, Puerto Princesa City passing through the municipalities of Aborlan, Narra, Sofronio Española, Barangay Rio Tuba, Bataraza at the east coast, and turning back to Puerto Princesa City from the west coast, again passing those municipalities up to Barangay Bacungan, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

In view thereof, the immediate approval of this bill is strongly recommended.



FREDERICK F. ABUEG
Deputy Speaker

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AN ACT

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

SECTION 1. - The Puerto Princesa City south road, starting from the national road at Junction 1, Puerto Princesa City passing through the municipalities of Aborlan, Narra, Sofronio Española, Barangay Rio Tuba, Bataraza at the east coast, and turning back to Puerto Princesa City from the west coast, again passing those municipalities up to Barangay Bacungan, Puerto Princesa City in the province of Palawan shall be named as Governor Alfredo M. Abueg National Circumferential Road

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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,