

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila
SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE BILL NO. 4915



Introduced by **Honorable Oscar "Richard" S. Garin, Jr.**
1st District, Iloilo

"AN ACT NAMING THE ILOILO CITY – DUMANGAS COASTAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO AS CONGRESSMAN NARCISO DOLAR MONFORT HIGHWAY"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to name the Iloilo City–Dumangas Coastal Road in the Province of Iloilo as "Congressman Narciso Dolar Monfort Highway."

This national road connects Iloilo City and the Municipality of Dumangas, Iloilo via Iloilo's eastern coastline, passing through the municipalities of Leganes and Zarraga. This 23-kilometer highway is a favorite route of motorists wishing to avoid the usual traffic plaguing the Iloilo-Capiz Road. Most especially, this highway is the usual route for truckers who travel via roll on-roll off (roro) ships to the island of Negros through Dumangas Port.

The late Congressman Narciso Dolar Monfort, more popularly known as "Goodah" to his constituents and colleagues, had a sterling career in public service. He was a Presidential Assistant on Health of President Magsaysay. He held the same position for President Garcia. He was the Presidential Assistant on Political Affairs of President Macapagal. He was Commissioner of the Home Financing Commission, Assistant to the Director of the Bureau of Health, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Health, and Assemblyman of the Interim Batasang Pambansa during the time of President Marcos. Then, he became Congressman of the Fourth District of Iloilo.

He authored several laws of national application, the wisdom of which stood the test of changing times.

- Republic Act No. 7305 or The Magna Carta of Public Health Workers aimed to “instill health consciousness among our people to effectively carry out the health programs and projects to the government essential for growth and development.”
- Republic Act 6675 or The Generics Act of 1988, mandated “To ensure the adequate supply of drugs with generic names at the lowest possible cost and endeavor to make them available for free to indigent patients”. This law was the precursor of pharmaceutical laws which have afforded Filipinos easier access to medicine.
- Republic Act No. 7164 or the Philippine Nursing Act of 1991 made it a policy of the State “to assume responsibility for the protection and improvement of the nursing profession by instituting measures that will result in relevant nursing education and in humane working conditions, better career prospects and a dignified existence for our nurses.”
- Republic Act No. 7392 or The Philippine Midwifery Act of 1992, an amendatory law, professionalized the practice of midwifery by providing requirements for practice credentials, occupational well-being, and health safety measures.
- Republic Act No. 7170 or the Organ Donation Act of 1991 authorized the legacy or donation of all parts of a human body after death for specified purposes. This law was highly pro-active – almost visionary – at the time of its passage.

On top of these, he was also instrumental in realizing big-impact infrastructure projects in Iloilo such as the Department of Education, Division of Iloilo Building in La Paz, the Iloilo Sports Complex in the same Iloilo City district, the restoration of the Jaro Cathedral Belfry, a historical landmark, and of course, the Iloilo City-Dumangas Coastal Road.

On the occasion of the 10th death anniversary, former Cong. Narciso Dolar Monfort on September 5, 2015, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan ng Iloilo passed Resolution No. 2015-303, a most fitting homage to a public servant of extraordinary vision, perseverance and resilience.

This representation believes that this August Body should do no less. The naming of the Iloilo City–Dumangas Coastal Road in the Province of Iloilo to “Congressman Narciso Dolar Monfort Highway” should be our own way of recognizing our late colleague’s zeal and dedication to public service and people’s welfare.

Thus, passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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

SECTION 1. The Iloilo City – Dumangas Coastal Road in the Province of Iloilo is hereby named as Congressman Narciso Dolar Monfort Highway.

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

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,