

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7720



Introduced by Honorable Celso L. Lobregat

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Gen. Vicente Alvarez is Zamboanga City's revolutionary warrior and hero who spearheaded the revolution against the Spanish Conquistadors in Zamboanga City.

When the Philippine Revolution spread to Mindanao, Gen. Alvarez organized an army of Christian Filipinos, Tribal warriors, and Muslim Krismen and initiated a revolution in Zamboanga city in March 1898. Their fight led to the successful capture of the last Spanish stronghold at Fort Pilar under the leadership of General Diego de los Rios on May 18, 1899. This marked the end of the Spanish rule not only in the city of Zamboanga but also in the entire Philippines.

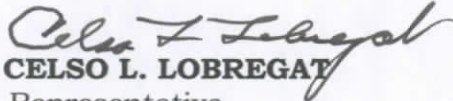
Recognizing this unparalleled legacy, the City Council of Zamboanga passed and unanimously approved City Ordinance 334 in 2008 declaring every 18th of May as Dia de Gen. Vicente Alvarez Day and renaming the Plaza Roma situated at Don Pablo L. Lorenzo Street and Gen. Vicente Alvarez Street as Plaza Gen. Vicente Alvarez.

This bill seeks to name the 38-kilometer portion of the Zamboanga City Labuan-Limpapa National Highway starting from Crossing Airport Road and C.A Fernandez Road (Baliwasan Chico Road) to Limpapa Bridge as the Gen. Vicente Alvarez Highway.

This national highway serves as a major thoroughfare connecting the city's central commercial district to the last barangay in the Zamboanga city west coast.

Given the same, it is but proper and fitting that the said national highway be named after one of the city's most valiant and remarkable leaders. The naming likewise comes more in order to coincide with this year's commemoration of the Dia de Gen. Vicente Alvarez on May 18. Thus, this representation believes that said naming shall make known to the Zamboanguenos the legacy that Gen. Alvarez fought for-their FREEDOM.

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


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**AN ACT NAMING THE NATIONAL ROAD FROM CROSSING AIRPORT
ROAD AND C.A FERNANDEZ ROAD (BALIWASAN CHICO ROAD) TO
LIMPAPA BRIDGE AS GEN. VICENTE ALVAREZ HIGHWAY**

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

Section 1. The portion of the National Road starting from Crossing Airport Road and C.A Fernandez Road (Baliwasan Chico Road) to Limpapa Bridge is hereby named as the Gen. Vicente Alvarez Highway.

Section 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall include in their budget the funds necessary for the implementation of this Act.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.