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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. _____

Introduced by HON. BENHUR L. SALIMBANGON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to change Bogó-Curva-Medellin-Daanbantayan-Maya Road to Juan Macaraeg Highway to honor and pay tribute to the grandfather of former president and now House Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Juan Macaraeg was an official of the Department of Public Works during the American and Commonwealth governments. He also served in the Department of Education as district engineer in the Visayas stationed in Cebu. When he was serving in the Department of Education he was able to visit the entire Cebu and frequented the northern part of Cebu more particularly the 4th district of Cebu. He contributed to the creation of the several roads in Cebu.

In the year 2008, when then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo visited the 4th district of Cebu, she saw the worsening condition of the Bogó-Curva-Medellin-Daanbantayan-Maya Road. This particular road with an entire stretch of K0103+ (-213) to K0135+ (+301) -- > 32.4KM K0136+ (-633) to K0144+ (+355) -- > 8.948KM was like a roller coaster road. Then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo knew that her grandfather, Juan Macaraeg who used to be a district engineer in the Visayas stationed in Cebu contributed to the creation of roads in Cebu. In order to give honor to her late grandfather Juan Macaraeg, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo approved the rehabilitation, widening and concreting of the entire stretch of the Bogó-Curva-Medellin-Daanbantayan-Maya Road. Fast forward to the present time, the said road has become sort of a tourist attraction in the district as it has wowed commuters every time they traverse the said road. The Bogó-Curva-Medellin-Daanbantayan Maya Road has now been considered a freeway or motorway comparable to other countries.

The Bogó-Curva-Medellin-Daanbantayan-Maya Road would not have been made possible if not of District Engineer, Juan Macaraeg and the intervention of then President Gloria

Macapagal-Arroyo. The vision of Juan Macaraeg as a District Engineer has made great impact in the improvement of the landscape of Cebu.

In view of the foregoing, it is but fitting to recognize the invaluable contributions of the late Juan Macaraeg to the province of Cebu. Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Benhur L. Salimbangon', is positioned above the printed name.

BENHUR L. SALIMBANGON
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**AN ACT RENAMING BOGO-CURVA-MEDELLIN-DAANBANTAYAN-MAYA
ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU
TO JUAN MACARAEG HIGHWAY**

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

Section 1. *Renaming of the Bogo-Curva-Medellin-Daanbantayan-Maya Road.* The Bogo-Curva-Medellin-Daanbantayan-Maya Road is hereby changed to Juan Macaraeg Highway.

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

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

Approved.