

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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House Bill No. 9932



Introduced by Representative PABLO JOHN F. GARCIA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to rename the Cebu Transcentral Highway into Emilio Mario R. Osmeña Jr. Highway to honor and pay tribute to the legacy of a former Cebu Governor who gave exceptional service to the nation.

Cebu Transcentral Highway, approximately 33 kilometers long, is a major road in the province which connects Metro Cebu and the towns in the midwest such as Balamban, Toledo, and Asturias. It was built during the term of Osmeña, who was also responsible for the construction of other big-ticket infrastructure projects in the province such as the modernization of Mactan-Cebu International Airport.

Born on September 11, 1938, Emilio Mario R. Osmeña Jr., better known as Lito Osmeña, is the grandson of former President Sergio Osmeña and the son of Dr. Emilio V. Osmeña and Ma. Luisa Renner. He took up a degree in Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at the University of San Carlos, Cebu.

Osmeña became a political prisoner at Fort Bonifacio for nine months and he was placed under house arrest for four years during Martial Law. After former Senator Ninoy Aquino was assassinated, Osmeña started to get involved in politics and ran for Governor of Cebu in 1988, which he won and served in until 1992. During his term, Osmeña paved the way for "Ceboom," an era in the early 1990s when the province experienced rapid economic development. His economic reforms led to the increase of provincial budget to 1 billion pesos per annum, construction of flyovers, causeways, and farm-to-market roads, launch of water distribution program, set up of municipal telephone system, and electrification of remote areas, among many others. It was due to these efforts that Osmeña was elected as Chairman of the League of Governors of the Philippines in 1990.

From 1993 to 1997, Osmeña served as Chief Economic Adviser of President Fidel Ramos and chaired the Presidential Committee on Flagship Programs and Projects. He spearheaded big ticket projects such as the upgrading of the Batangas Port and General Santos Seaport and rehabilitation of the Pan-Philippine Highway and the Quirino Highway. To continue his countryside development cause, Osmeña formed his own party in 1997 called PROMDI or the Probinsya Muna Development Initiative and ran for President.

The status of Cebu Province as an economic powerhouse that it is today would not have been possible without the reforms and initiatives implemented by Osmeña. The renaming of the Cebu Transcentral Highway is only fitting to rightly recognize his invaluable contributions to all Cebuanos.

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

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Garcia'.

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**AN ACT RENAMING THE CEBU TRANSCENTRAL HIGHWAY, TRAVERSING THE
CITY OF CEBU AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALAMBAN, PROVINCE OF CEBU,
AS EMILIO MARIO R. OSMEÑA, JR. HIGHWAY**

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

CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. The Cebu Transcentral Highway, traversing the City of Cebu and the municipality of Balamban, Province of Cebu, is hereby renamed as Emilio Mario R. Osmeña, Jr. Highway.

Section 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, orders 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 or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,