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HOUSE BILL NO. 606



Introduced by **HON. EDGAR M. CHATTO**
First District, Bohol

EXPLANATORY NOTE

"We are called upon to decide on this momentous debate whether or not this land of ours will remain the cradle and grave, the womb and tomb of our race – the only place where we can build our homes, our temples, and our altars and where we erect the castles of our racial hopes, dreams and traditions and where we establish the warehouse of our happiness and prosperity, of our joys and sorrows."¹
- President Carlos P. Garcia

Without doubt, Philippines' eight (8th) president, Carlos P. Garcia, remains one of the most esteemed sons of Bohol. Naming the Bohol island circumferential road to his name is the least expression of our solemn gratitude to the president whose legacy is his belief in the Filipinos.

Perhaps one of the, if not the most, popular legacy of President Garcia is the "Filipino First Policy." Recovering from the effects of World War 2, this policy ensured government support to Filipino businessmen and Filipino products over foreign investors and foreign products. Foreign business was not totally ignored and was allowed to participate under the 60-40 ratio of ownership within the business.

President Garcia is also known for his Austerity Program which he implemented to curtail the rampant graft and corruption in the country through wise spending, industry, thrift, trustworthiness, integrity and honesty. He also urged people to avoid luxury items and to live a simple life and reminded government officials and employees that corruption destroys the peoples trust in the government.

It was also under his term that the Bohlen-Serrano Agreement was executed – the law that shortened the original 99-year lease of US bases in the Philippines to 25 years and renewable for period only up to five years.

After having been under a long period of colonization from various countries, the Garcia administration found the necessity in putting emphasis on cultural revival. To encourage this, awards were given to Filipino writers, artists, historian and scientists.

President Garcia hails from Talibon, Bohol and was born on November 4, 1896. This year marks his 120th birthday.

After having been among the top ten (10) bar examinees in 1923, President Garcia first worked as a teacher at Bohol Provincial High School. He became famous for his poetry, where he earned the nickname "Prince of Visayan Poets" and the "Bard from Bohol".

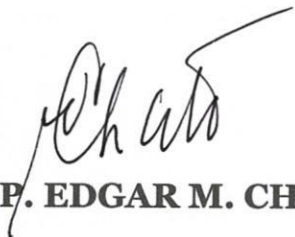
¹ speech during a joint session of Congress on September 18, 1946

Prior to his presidency, Carlos P. Garcia became Representative of the third district and Governor Bohol. He then became Senator, Vice President and Foreign Affairs Secretary to the Magsaysay Administration. Post presidency, he was elected president of the 1971 Constitutional Convention until his death on the same year. President Garcia became the first layman to lie in state in Manila Cathedral – a privilege until then limited to a deceased Archbishop of Manila – and the first President to be buried at the Libingan ng mga Bayani.

To date, we can find in Bohol a municipality, a sports complex and an avenue named after President Carlos P. Garcia. But Bohol have yet to give a province-wide recognition and tribute to our beloved president. This is also a fitting reminder to our youth of nationalism and love of country.

This proposed measure has been approved on third and final reading at the House of Representatives during the last Congress but tarried in the Senate. With the early filing of this bill, we hope to see its approval in the present Congress.

It is for this purpose that this bill is being sought to be passed.



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AN ACT

RENAMING THE BOHOL ISLAND CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD, WHICH COMMENCES IN BARANGAY POBLACION III TOWARDS THE NORTH OF THE CITY OF TAGBILARAN, AND RETURNS TO BARANGAY POBLACION III FROM THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE CITY OF TAGBILARAN IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL, AS THE PRESIDENT CARLOS P. GARCIA CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD

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

SECTION 1. The Bohol Island Circumferential Road, which commences in Barangay Poblacion III, towards the north of the City of Tagbilaran, and returns to Barangay Poblacion III from the eastern side of the City of Tagbilaran in the Province of Bohol, is hereby renamed as The President Carlos P. Garcia Circumferential Road.

The road commences in Barangay Poblacion III, traversing Poblacion II, Cogon, Booy, Dao, Taloto, Ubujan, and Manga in the City of Tagbilaran northward, Barangays Dela Paz, Upper Dela Paz, Salvador and Poblacion in the Municipality of Cortes; Barangays Lincod, San Vicente, Anislag, Poblacion, Dipatlong, Bood, Lagtangan, Guiwanon and Punta Cruz in the Municipality of Maribojoc; Barangays Song-on, Tontonan, Cuasi, Tangnan, Pig-ot, Basdacu, Lintuan, Napo, Moto Sur, Moto Norte, Cogon Norte, Basac, Biasong, Canhangdon Occidental, Ubayon, Catagbacan Sur, Catagbacan Norte, Catagbacan, Handig, Cantumocad and Pondol in the Municipality of Loon; Barangays, Tultugan, Liboron, Desamparados Santa Cruz, San Isidro, Bonbon, Bentig, Calunasan, Abucayan Sur, Lucob, Abucayan Norte and Mandaug in the Municipality of Calape; Barangays Cahayag, Panaytayon, Ilihan Norte, Pinayagan Sur, Pinayagan Norte, Guiwanon, Potohan, Pooc Occidental, Pooc Oriental, Centro, Ubojan, Tinangnan, Cabulihan and Macaas in the Municipality of Tubigon; Barangays Buacao, Lajog, Candajec, Poblacion Centro, Poblacion Sur, Comaang, Tangaran, Bacani and Nahawan in the Municipality of Clarin; Barangays Ubujan, U-og, Santo Rosario, Dagohoy, Badiang, Lutao, Cogon, Poblacion, Ilaud, Luyo, Cagayan, Nabuad, Baogo and Lapacan Sur in the Municipality of Inabanga; Barangays Dait, Lapacan Sur, Dait, Cangawa, Bato, Sweetland, Poblacion, Asinan, Hunan and Cruz in the Municipality of Buenavista; Barangays Campao Oriental, Campao Occidental, Corte Baud, Tugan, Saguis, Poblacion, Taytay, Carlos P. Garcia, Salog, San Jose and Tulang in the Municipality of Jetafe; Barangays Burgos Bagacay, Tanghaligue, Santo Niño, San Jose, San Isidro, Balintawak, San Agustin and San Roque in the Municipality of Talibon; Barangays San Vicente, Poblacion, Guinobatan, Tagum Norte, Tagum Sur, Soom and Catoogan in the Municipality of Trinidad; Barangays Tuboran, Humayhumay, Camambugan, Tapon, Casate, Poblacion, Fatima, Bood Calanggaman, Bay-ang Imelda, Pag-asa, Lomangog, San Pascual, San Francisco and Ilihan in the Municipality of Ubay; Barangays Cabatang, Progreso, Poblacion, Napo and Pagahat in the Municipality of Alicia; Barangays Pagahat, La Union, Lungsoda-an, San Isidro Boyo-an, Poblacion and Tugan in the Municipality of Candijay; Barangays Guio-ang, Trinidad, Tabajan, Sawang, Canhaway, Guinacot and Cabantian in the Municipality of Guindulman; Barangays Guinsularan, Langkis, Itum, San Antonio, San Pedro, Mawi, Madua Norte, Madua Sur and Alejawan in the Municipality of Duero; Barangays

Alejawan, Naatang, Tubod Mar, Larapan, Nausok, Pangdan, Poblacion, Pagina, Looc, Canupao, Bunga Mar, Cantagay Ipil and Can-uba in the Municipality of Jagna; Barangays Ulbujan East, Ulbujan West, Canayaon East, Canayaon West, Manaba, Poblacion East, Poblacion West, Lungsodaan East, Lungsodaan West, Cayam and Malinao in the Municipality of Garcia-Hernandez; Barangays Anas, Cutcutan Taug, Catug-an, Poblacion Oriental, Poblacion Occidental, Canmanico, Candua Oriental and Candua Occidental in the Municipality of Valencia; Barangays Tangohay, Taongon Can-andam, Taongon, Cabatuan, Sawang, Luyo, Balbalan Puangyuta and Banban in the Municipality of Dimiao; Barangays Banban, Bonkokan Ubos, Malinao East, Nagsulay, Macalingan, Poblacion, Catugasan, Lomanoy, Tiguis and Taug in the Municipality of Lila; Barangays Tayong Oriental, Tayong Occidental Tocdog Dacu, Botoc Oriental, Botoc Occidental, Las Salinas Sur, Yanangan, Poblacion Ibabao, Poblacion Ubos, Villalimpia, Palo, Sagnap and Alegria Sur in the Municipality of Loay; Barangays Tagbuane, Santa Filomena, East Poblacion, West Poblacion, San Agustin and Bahi in the Municipality of Alburquerque; Barangays Laya, Montana, San Roque, Poblacion, San Vicente, Taguihon, Guiwanon and Santa Cruz in the Municipality of Baclayon; Barangays Bool, Mansasa, Poblacion I and returns to Barangay Poblacion III from the eastern side of the City of Tagbilaran.

SEC. 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, orders, and circulars to implement the provisions of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

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

Approved,