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Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez

House Bill No. **8935**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Macajalar Bay is a deep water bay located north of the Province of Misamis Oriental on the Mindanao island in the southern part the Philippines. Cagayan de Oro City, being the regional center of Northern Mindanao (Region X), is in one of its deep-water harbors and twelve of the Municipalities of Misamis Oriental share a coastline with the bay. This bay fronts Barangay Macabalan and has been known as Macajalar Bay since time immemorial.

However, Father Jaime S. Neri, S.J., a native Kagay-anon, conducted research at the Library of Congress in Washington DC and discovered that ancient maps on file show that the original name of the Macajalar Bay was Macabalan Bay. And the mistake in the spelling of the name was brought about by the ancient cartographers who were using feathered quills in their map-making.

This bill seeks to change the name of Macajalar Bay to Macabalan Bay to reflect the true intent of our forefathers in choosing the name of the bay.

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


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AN ACT

RENAMING MACAJALAR BAY IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY INTO MACABALAN BAY TO REFLECT ITS ORIGINAL NAME AND LOCATION

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

Section 1. Macajalar Bay in Cagayan de Oro City is hereby renamed as Macabalan Bay.

Sec. 2. The National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) and other relevant agencies of the government, including the concerned local government units, are hereby directed to cause the printing and issuance of the map of the Republic of the Philippines as well as the political and sectoral maps, pursuant to this Act.

Sec. 3. All laws, presidential decrees, letters of instruction, executive orders, rules and regulations, or any part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,