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HOUSE BILL NO. 8984



Introduced by Representative Richard I. Gomez, DPA

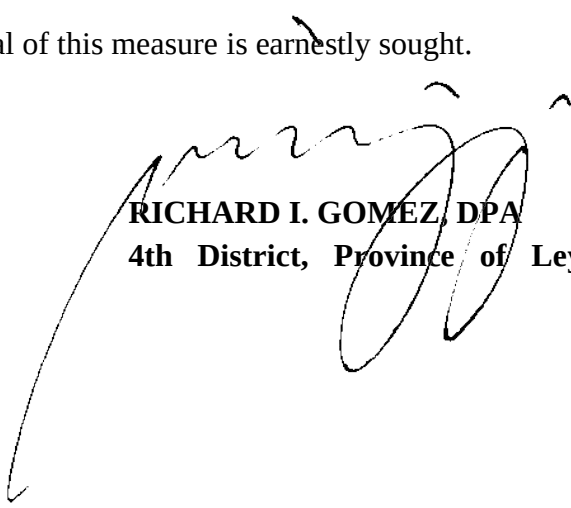
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Atty. Vicente Garces Torres, Sr., was a former mayor of Ormoc City in 1954, appointed by Pres. Ramon Magsaysay, and an exemplary Ormocanon. Beyond his public service as mayor, he was a pillar of Ormoc's local economy. He was one of the first to establish a private sugar plantation in Ormoc City before World War II. As a thriving sugar planter, he was able to provide livelihood to hundreds of Ormocanons. More importantly, he successfully cultivated the culture of giving back to society. He was, perhaps, Ormoc's very first social entrepreneur, who instinctively wove in considerable employee benefits, as part of community-building efforts.

He started off with giving employee incentives, awarding house and lot packages for well-performing employees. Children of employees were provided free education. Family members in need of extra financing had the option to borrow money interest free.

Don Vicente was a faithful and charitable member of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, who contributed significantly for the church's upkeep. He also provided scholarships to boys whose parents could not afford to send them to the seminary. One of his most noteworthy contributions to Ormoc City is the subsidized sale of land to Ormoc Sugar Planters Association (OSPA) Hospital, the city's leading hospital to this day. He was a model of good citizenship, integrity, and generosity. It is with pride that one of the new roads shall be named in his honor.

In view of the foregoing, the early approval of this measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT NAMING THE ROAD COMMENCING IN BARANGAY COGON, ORMOC CITY AT JUNCTION ORMOC-CARIGARA-PALO NATIONAL ROAD TRAVERSING SITIO SUMAG, BARANGAY COGON, BARANGAY BILIBOY AND ORMOC DIVERSION ROAD SECTION, BARANGAY DONGHOL AT ORMOC DIVERSION ROAD SECTION, BARANGAY PATAG AT ORMOC DIVERSION ROAD SECTION, BARANGAY SUMANGA AT ORMOC DIVERSION ROAD SECTION, BARANGAY BANTIGUE AT ORMOC DIVERSION, JUNCTION ORMOC-BAYBAY NATIONAL AT BARANGAY BANTIGUE AS THE VICENTE G. TORRES AVENUE

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

SECTION 1. The The road commencing in Barangay Cogon, Ormoc City at Junction Ormoc-Carigara-Palo National Road traversing Sitio Sumag, Barangay Cogon, Barangay Biliboy and Ormoc Diversion Road Section, Barangay Donghol at Ormoc Diversion Road Section, Barangay Patag at Ormoc Diversion Road Section, Barangay Sumanga at Ormoc Diversion Road Section, Barangay Bantigue at Ormoc Diversion, Junction Ormoc-Baybay National at Barangay Bantigue is hereby named as the Vicente G. TorresAvenue.

SEC. 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, orders, and circulars to implement 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,