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House Bill No. 10491

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The history of Misamis, Misamis Oriental and Cagayan de Oro will never be complete without Don Gregorio Aguilar Pelaez, Sr. He was elected and had served as Governor in 1925-1931 and 1937-1940.

Don Gregorio Aguilar Pelaez, Sr. had the singular distinction of being the last Governor of Misamis when the Philippine Legislature enacted Republic Act No. 3537 in November 2, 1929 and the first Governor of Misamis Oriental when the law took effect on January 1, 1930, dividing the province of Misamis into two provinces: Misamis Oriental and Misamis Occidental.

Don Gregorio Aguilar Pelaez, Sr. was born on March 9, 1869 in Catarman, Camiguin and died on September 24, 1959. He is the father of Vice President Emmanuel Neri Pelaez who had the sole privilege of becoming the first Mindanaoan elected to the second highest position of the Republic of the Philippines.

At present, the only edifice named after Don Gregorio Aguilar Pelaez, Sr. is the Gregorio Aguilar Pelaez Sr. Sports Center, or simply Pelaez Sports Center, which was built in 1969. It hosted the first Palarong Pambansa in Mindanao in 1975. Situated right at the center of Cagayan de Oro City, regarded as the capital of the Province of Misamis Oriental, the Pelaez Sports Center, considered as the oldest sports park in Northern Mindanao, has become an iconic and known landmark over the years. It is a fitting tribute to a man who had worked tirelessly and proactively in promoting the planting of coconuts and advancing its interests, in completing the whole provincial road network along the coast from Gingoog to Initao, and for the splitting of the huge Misamis province as an advocacy out of his selfless desire for genuine and better public service, among others – achievements that had undeniable lasting and ever-present impact in the lives of every Misamisnon for ages and beyond.

This bill seeks to rename of the Pelaez Sports Center to Governor Gregorio Aguilar Pelaez, Sr. Sports Center in recognition of his indelible contributions to Misamis, Misamis Oriental and Cagayan de Oro.

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

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AN ACT
NAMING THE SPORTS COMPLEX LOCATED IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY TO GOVERNOR GREGORIO AGUILAR PELAEZ, SR. SPORTS COMPLEX

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

SECTION 1. The Sports Complex located along Apolinar Velez St., is hereby named to Governor Gregorio Aguilar Pelaez, Sr. Sports Complex.

SECTION 2. The Department of Education, City Government of Cagayan de Oro and the Provincial Government of Misamis Oriental shall place the appropriate markers and signages and issue pertinent rules, directives and orders to implement the provision of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,