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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 337



Introduced by: **REP. RACHEL MARGUERITE "CUTIE" DEL MAR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Raul V. Del Mar was the visionary of a legislator who pursued his dreams of his home province Cebu in such laws as the Mactan-Cebu International Airport Act and the Cebu Port Authority Act, and creation of an international port and special economic zones.

Throughout his 29 years of public service, Del Mar also showed concern for disadvantaged sectors of the nation, including the youth (national school feeding program), women and children (Anti-Violence Against Women and Children), community health (increasing bed capacity and facilities of hospitals, patients who are detained for non-payment of hospital bills or refused treatment in serious and emergency cases), senior citizens, and those afflicted by drug addiction.

With two others.

Two other Cebuanos, with similar zeal and vision in their work for community and nation, were Serging Osmeña, Jr. and Marcelo B. Fernan. They are remembered by having Cebu's first and second bridges respectively named after them.

Raul V. Del Mar deserves similar recognition of his dedication and success. The third Cebu-Mactan bridge, now tentatively known as CCLEX, should be named after the late congressman. On top of his virtues as a legislator, Del Mar was driven by a strong compassion for those who have less in life and law.

The late congressman was known to have acted, continually and persistently, on the idea of linking Cebu with Mactan through Cordova town.

Emulate his deeds.

According to the record, Raul V. Del Mar had unremittingly advocated for the construction of an Undersea Tunnel from Cebu City to Shell Island with a Coastal Road connection from Shell Island to Mactan Island. In 1989, Del Mar filed House Bill No. 2334 for the construction of said undersea tunnel. The bill was not acted upon for lack of material time. But in 1992, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016 and 2019, the late Del Mar refiled the proposed bill. Only his death on November 16, 2020 interrupted the effort.

Half of the idea is still to be realized but the other half – the bridge – is already done. Noteworthy is that Raul V. Del Mar was among the very few who thought of, and acted on, the proposal to build an undersea tunnel or bridge to connect Cordova to Cebu City.

For those reasons, it is fitting to name the present Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway in memory of the late Raul V. Del Mar. He more than deserved the recognition, for his over-all accomplishments as a Cebuano congressman. His name will inspire Cebuanos and many others in the country to emulate his work.

Approval of this bill is therefore earnestly recommended.


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**AN ACT
NAMING THE CEBU-CORDOVA LINK EXPRESSWAY TO
RAUL V. DEL MAR BRIDGE**

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

SECTION 1. The Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway that connecting the Mactan Island to mainland Cebu Mactan Island via Cordova and Cebu City is hereby named Raul V. Del Mar Bridge.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,