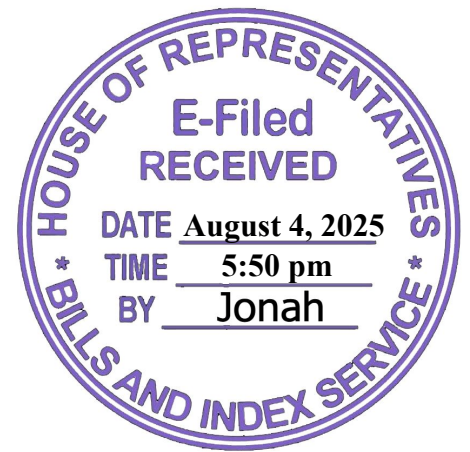


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House Bill No. **3003**



Introduced by Representative Richard I. Gomez, DPA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill mirrors the same bill approved on third reading in the 19th Congress of the House of Representatives, transmitted to the Senate and subsequently deliberated on in February 2025.

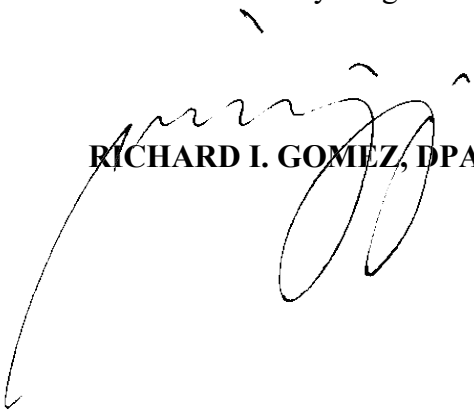
Atty. Vicente Garces Torres, Sr., was a former mayor of Ormoc City in 1954, appointed by Pres. Ramon Magsaysay, and an exemplary Ormocanon. Beyond his public service as mayor, he was a pillar of Ormoc's local economy. He was one of the first to establish a private sugar plantation in Ormoc City before 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 brought 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 the 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 will 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 DIVERSION ROAD COMMENCING AT THE ORMOC-BAYBAY-SO.
LEYTE BDRY ROAD IN BARANGAY BANTIGUE AND TRAVERSING BARANGAYS
SUMANGGA, PATAG, DONGHOL, BILIBOY AND SAN PABLO UP TO THE
DIVERSION JUNCTION AT THE PALO-CARIGARA-ORMOC ROAD IN THE CITY
OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AS THE MAYOR VICENTE G. TORRES
AVENUE

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

SECTION 1. The road commencing at the Ormoc-Baybay-So. Leyte Bdry Road in Barangay Bantigue and traversing barangays Sumangga, Patag, Donghol, Biliboy and San Pablo up to the diversion junction at the Palo-Carigara-Ormoc Road in the City of Ormoc, Province of Leyte, is hereby named as the Mayor Vicente G. Torres Avenue.

SEC. 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, orders, and circulars to implement this Act within thirty (30) 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,