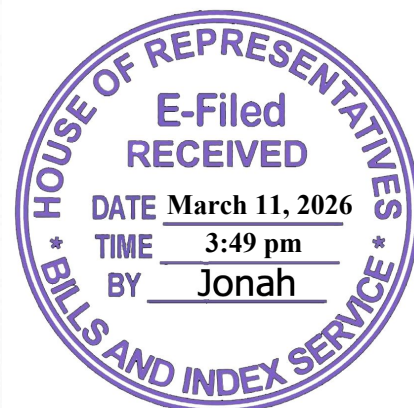


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8454



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVES ARTHUR F. CELESTE, MARK O. COJUANGCO, MARIA RACHEL J. ARENAS, RAMON N. GUICO, JR., MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS

AN ACT RENAMING THE REGION 1 MEDICAL CENTER IN THE CITY OF DAGUPAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, TO SPEAKER JOSE C. DE VENECIA, JR. MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Region 1 Medical Center (R1MC) in Dagupan City stands today as one of the most important government tertiary hospitals serving not only the Province of Pangasinan but the entire Ilocos Region and neighboring provinces across Northern Luzon. For decades, it has served as a lifeline for countless Filipinos seeking accessible and quality public healthcare.

During his tenure as Representative of the Fourth District of Pangasinan and as five-time Speaker of the House of Representatives, Speaker Jose C. De Venecia, Jr. championed programs and initiatives that strengthened healthcare access for many Filipinos. The establishment of the Region 1 Medical Center stands as one of the most tangible manifestations of that commitment. Since its creation, the hospital has provided life-saving medical services not only to residents of the Fourth District of Pangasinan, but also to patients from across Pangasinan, the Ilocos Region, and other parts of the country who have sought adequate and affordable medical care in Dagupan City.

The continued growth of the Region 1 Medical Center has likewise been supported by subsequent legislative initiatives from members of the De Venecia family. Ma. Georgina P. De Venecia, Representative of the Fourth District of Pangasinan and spouse of Speaker De Venecia, earlier authored the House bill that was later enacted into law increasing the hospital's bed capacity from three hundred (300) to six hundred (600) beds. In the same spirit of public service,

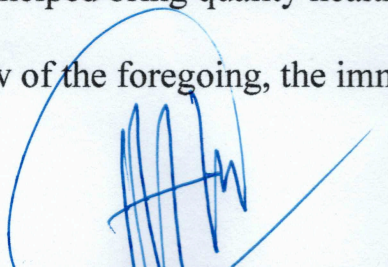
Congressman Christopher “Toff” De Venecia, son of Speaker De Venecia and former Representative of the Fourth District of Pangasinan, authored the House bill that was subsequently enacted into law further increasing the hospital’s bed capacity from six hundred (600) to one thousand five hundred (1,500) beds. These measures ensured that the Region 1 Medical Center would continue to evolve into a modern, high-capacity regional medical institution capable of addressing the growing healthcare needs of the Filipino people.

Taken together, these legislative initiatives spanning generations reflect a sustained commitment to strengthening public healthcare infrastructure in Pangasinan and the Ilocos Region. Over the years, the R1MC has become not only a center for healing but also a symbol of the enduring partnership between public leadership and community welfare.

In recognition of the pivotal role played by Speaker Jose C. De Venecia, Jr. in authoring the original law that created the hospital, and in honor of his decades of dedicated public service to the Filipino people, this bill seeks to rename the Region 1 Medical Center in Dagupan City, Pangasinan, as the **Speaker Jose C. De Venecia, Jr. Memorial Medical Center**.

Such recognition will serve as a lasting tribute to a statesman whose legislative vision helped bring quality healthcare closer to millions of Filipinos.

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



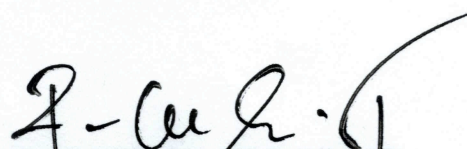
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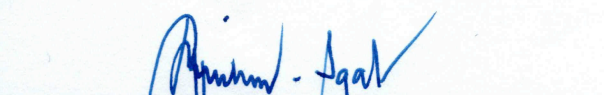
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The Region 1 Medical Center is hereby renamed as Speaker Jose C. de Venecia, Jr. Memorial Medical Center.

SEC. 2. All laws, executive orders, issuances, and rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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,