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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 10900



Introduced by Representatives **MARCELINO C. LIBANAN,**
CHRISTOPHER SHEEN P. GONZALES, STEPHEN JAMES T. TAN,
REYNOLDS MICHAEL T. TAN

AN ACT
NAMING THE BURAY-TAFT ROAD TRAVERSING THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF PARANAS, SAMAR AND TAFT, EASTERN
SAMAR AS THE GOVERNOR JUAN SULSE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Buray-Taft Road is an important road corridor connecting Brgy. Buray, Paranas in the Province of Samar, and Taft in the Province of Eastern Samar. It serves as a cross-island link that provides access between the broader Samar and Eastern Samar road network, including routes leading to the Pan-Philippine Highway. Its existence supports the movement of people, agricultural and fishery products, public services, commerce, and emergency response across Samar Island.

Beyond its economic and transport significance, the road is also closely associated with the historical identity of Taft, Eastern Samar. It passes through an area connected to the memory and legacy of the late Governor Juan Sulse, a native of Taft and recognized in local historical accounts as a Governor of the then undivided Island of Samar. Prior to the division of Samar into three provinces in 1965, Governor Sulse served in public office and became an important figure in the political history of the island.

Governor Juan Sulse's public service included his involvement in the Philippine Constabulary, including his participation in efforts against lawless elements during the early American colonial period. He later served as Lieutenant-

Governor from 1907 to 1908, and was elected Governor of Samar in 1922 to 1931. He also served as a Provincial Sheriff. His life and service reflect the historical role of Eastern Samareños in the governance and development of the whole Island of Samar.

Renaming the Buray-Taft Road as the Governor Juan Sulse National Highway is a fitting recognition of his contribution to public service and to the history of Samar. It will preserve the memory of a distinguished son of Taft, Eastern Samar, while giving historical identity to a road that continues to serve as a vital connector for mobility, trade, local development, and inter-provincial access.

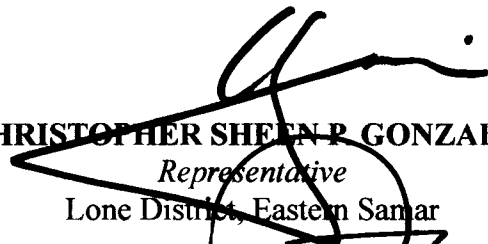
In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



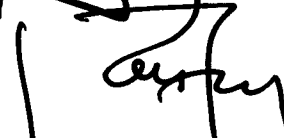
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Short Title* - This Act shall be known as the “Governor Juan Sulse National Highway Act.”

SEC. 2. *Naming of the Road* - The national road currently known as the Buray–Taft Road, also known as the Paranas–Taft Road, traversing Brgy. Buray, Paranas in the Province of Samar, and Taft in the Province of Eastern Samar, is hereby named as the Governor Juan Sulse National Highway.

SEC. 3. *Signage and Implementation* - The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall issue the necessary orders and implement appropriate measures to install and maintain signage reflecting the new name of the highway. The DPWH shall coordinate with the concerned Local Government Units and other relevant agencies to ensure the proper dissemination and implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Funding* - The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the DPWH under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause*. - If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining portions or provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause* - All laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.