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HOUSE BILL NO. 11271



Introduced by Rep. FERDINAND ALEXANDER A. MARCOS
1st District, Ilocos Norte

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Few Filipinos have carried the name of the Philippines as far as Teofilo Yldefonso did. He won bronze medals in the 200-meter breaststroke at the 1928 and 1932 Olympic Games, becoming the first Filipino and Southeast Asian athlete to win an Olympic medal. His legacy, however, extends beyond the podium. He served with the 57th Infantry Regiment of the Philippine Scouts and took part in the infamous Bataan Death March during the Second World War. For his distinguished service to the country, Yldefonso was posthumously conferred the Presidential Award for Meritorious Service by President Ferdinand E. Marcos on December 16, 1967.

The Loing-Bimmanga Bridge in Piddig, Ilocos Norte holds a special connection to Yldefonso, who once used the area to practice swimming. Renaming the bridge as the Teofilo Yldefonso Bridge is therefore more than an act of commemoration. It recognizes a son of Ilocos Norte whose discipline and courage brought honor to the Philippines. It is fitting that a place where he once trained should now bear his name.

Through this measure, the memory of Teofilo Yldefonso will be preserved not only in the annals of Philippine sports and military history, but also in the everyday lives of the people of Ilocos Norte.

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

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AN ACT
RENAMING THE LOING-BIMMANGA BRIDGE IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF PIDDIG, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, AS
THE TEOFILO YLDEFONSO BRIDGE

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

SECTION 1. The Loing-Bimmanga Bridge, located in the Municipality of Piddig, Province of Ilocos Norte, is hereby renamed the Teofilo Yldefonso Bridge.

SEC. 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall install the necessary markers and signages reflecting the name of the bridge as provided in this Act.

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,