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HOUSE BILL NO. 6260



Introduced by Rep. Diego "Nonoy" C. Ty

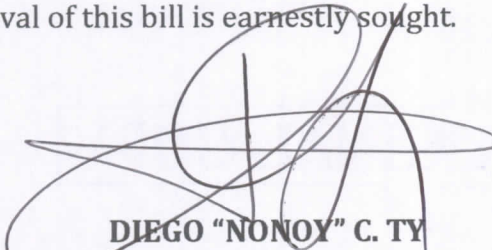
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure seeks to rename the Lobog Bridge in the Municipality of Plaridel, Province of Misamis Occidental as Alfonso Burlat Apdujan Bridge, as favorably endorsed by Resolution No. 22-2012 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Plaridel, Misamis Occidental approved on February 27, 2012 and Resolution No. 347-12 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Misamis Occidental approved on October 1, 2012, respectively.

The late Alfonso Burlat Apdujan was a settler in Barrio Panalsalan, Plaridel in the 1800s where he became an efficacious tradesman. His success has later on gained the respect and love of the townspeople who then elected him as *el presidente*, a position equivalent to our present-day town mayor. As such, Apdujan would go to Cagayan de Misamis, known at present as Cagayan de Oro City, which served as the provincial capital of the undivided Misamis Province that used to cover the areas of Camiguin, Bukidnon, Lanao, Zamboanga del Norte, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental and the northern part of Cotabato to report on the affairs of the local government and the life of his constituents in Plaridel. However, on February 22, 1913, while Apdujan was coming back home on horseback from official business in Cagayan de Misamis, a plank of the wooden Lobog Bridge got dislodged causing the horse and its rider to plunge into the murky water. Regrettably, this incidence had led to Apdujan's untimely death while on duty.

To rename Lobog Bridge after Alfonso Burlat Apdujan is a way of honoring one of the earlier public servants of the present-day Municipality of Plaridel. This proposed change of name also purports to introduce the historical value of the bridge and shall serve as an important educational tool for the generations to come for them to remember a public servant who lost his life while in service to the people of the town.

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


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AN ACT
RENAMING THE LOBOG BRIDGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLARIDEL, PROVINCE
OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL AS ALFONSO BURLAT APDUJAN BRIDGE

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

SEC. 1. In honor of one of the illustrious sons of Misamis Occidental, the Lobog Bridge in the Municipality of Plaridel, Province of Misamis Occidental is hereby renamed as Alfonso Burlat Apdujan Bridge.

SEC. 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules, orders and circulars to implement the provision of this Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,