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HOUSE BILL NO. 18

Introduced by: **Rep. RAUL V. DEL MAR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Mactan-Cebu International Airport Authority (MCIAA), created by Republic Act 6958 of 1990, bears the name of the airport that it administers, which is located in Lapu-Lapu City. The city was named after the native chieftain Lapu-Lapu who is regarded as the country's first hero who repelled the Spanish invader Ferdinand Magellan.

To honor Lapu-Lapu and be consistent with the city's name and location of its airport, the change of the airport name from Mactan to Lapu-Lapu and the corresponding change in the name of the authority will serve two purposes: give Lapu-Lapu the recognition that the outstanding Filipino deserved, and in the same thrust, improve the choice of name.

It is prudent and beneficial to keep the name "Cebu" in the airport name and the name of the authority that manages it. "Cebu" is better known in the world historically, economically and culturally. For branding and marketing and as locator of the airport as destination for tourists and other visitors, "Cebu" serves a crucial function.

Thus, the need to shift in name from Mactan-Cebu International Airport Authority (MCIAA) to Lapu-Lapu-Cebu International Airport Authority (LCIAA) and, correspondingly, from Mactan-Cebu International Airport (MCIA) to Lapu-Lapu-Cebu International Airport (LCIA).

This same measure was already approved on third and final reading by the House of Representatives in the last 17th Congress but was not approved by the Senate for lack of time before adjournment of Congress.


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AN ACT
RENAMING THE MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
TO LAPU-LAPU - CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND
MACTAN-CEBU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO LAPU-LAPU - CEBU
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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

SECTION 1. The Mactan – Cebu International Airport Authority created under Republic Act No. 6958 is renamed Lapu-Lapu – Cebu International Airport Authority and the Mactan – Cebu International Airport as Lapu-Lapu – Cebu International Airport.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,