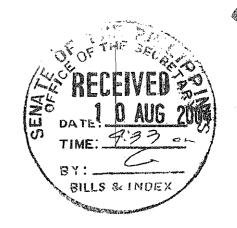
THIRTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES 1ST REGULAR SESSION



SENATE S.B. NO. 1675

INTRODUCED BY SENATORS MAGSAYSAY, JR. AND OSMEÑA III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

"The most brilliant Filipino in his generation and the best President we did not have." That is how former Senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino, Jr. described the late Senator Jose W. Diokno.

During his time, Senator Diokno was consistently voted by the *Philippines Free Press* as an outstanding senator for his pro-people legislation and strong position to legislation which he considered inimical to the interest of the Filipino people.

Senator Diokno staunchly opposed the "Philcag Bill", which proposed the sending of Filipino troops to Vietnam and an annual appropriation of P35 Million to maintain them while on their mission there. When interviewed by the *Free Press*, Diokno said, "I cannot vote for the bill because it is an affront to our national dignity..... because I cannot agree to spend P35 Million for other people when we cannot even provide for the most basic needs of our own....."

When then President Ferdinand E. Marcos proposed a bill appropriating a "political budget" of P2.8 Million without any apparent program for the use of the amount, Senator Diokno strongly opposed the bill.

Senator Diokno topped the bar examination in 1944, taking the exams without finishing his bachelor of laws degree, with a rating of 95.3%. Before this, he also topped the CPA board examination with a rating of 81.18%, this after graduating Summa cum laude at the De La Salle University with a degree in Accounting.

A man with great achievements as Senator Diokno is worth remembering, not only because he is a great Filipino but also to help inculcate in the minds of our youth today his brilliance and patriotism.

Because of these, it is but proper to call a main thoroughfare as the Senator Jose W. Diokno Avenue.

Immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF C-5 IN TAGUIG, METRO MANILA TO SENATOR JOSE W. DIOKNO AVENUE

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

SECTION 1. In recognition of the eminent and patriotic services of the late Senator Jose W. Diokno, the name C-5 in Taguig, Metro Manila is hereby changed to Senator Jose W. Diokno Avenue.

SECTION 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is hereby instructed to place the appropriate street names and markers along Senator Jose W. Diokno Avenue.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,