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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 76

Submitted by the Committee on Public Works on MAY 24 2023.

Re: House Bill No. 7413

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 7413, taking into consideration Senate Bill Nos. 1888, 2069, 2163 and 2183, without amendment.

Sponsor: Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Public Works, to which was referred **House Bill No. 7413**, introduced by Representatives Antonio "Tonypet" T. Albano, Juan Carlos "Arjo" C. Atayde, Marvin D. Rillo, Romeo S. Momo, Sr., Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, et al., entitled:

"AN ACT

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taking into consideration, **Senate Bill No. 1888**, introduced by Senators Sonny Angara, Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano, Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid, and Joel Villanueva, entitled:

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Senate Bill No. 2069, introduced by Senator Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino, entitled:

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Senate Bill No. 2163, introduced by Senator Ramon Bong Revilla Jr., entitled:

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and **Senate Bill No. 2183**, introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar, entitled:

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Respectfully submitted:

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 7413

BY REPRESENTATIVES ALBANO, ATAYDE, RILLO, MOMO, SUANSING (M.A.), CAJAYON-UY, BOSITA, BASCUG, CAGAS, BUHAIN, CARI, COLLANTES, AMATONG, TANJUATCO, PANALIGAN, MARAÑON, PLEYTO, TAMBUNTING, SUAN, PLAZA, PEÑA, REYES, YAP (C.T.), VARGAS, TAN (J.), FERRER (A.), GALEOS, ORDANES, JAVIER, CHAN, RECTO, GATO, HERNANDEZ, YU (D.G.), NOGRALES (J.F.F.), TIANGCO, BAUTISTA, BONGALON, ESTRELLA, LEGARDA, MERCADO-REVILLA, SUANSING (H.), VIOLAGO, TAN (K.M.), RAMA, CO-PILAR, ESPARES, GATCHALIAN, HAGEDORN, MADRONA, GONZALEZ, OUANO-DIZON, PANCHO, PUMAREN, RIVERA, SALIMBANGON, COJUANGCO (M.), TULFO (R.W.), LOYOLA, TOLENTINO, MIGUEL, FORTES, SALCEDA, SALVAME, OAMINAL, ACOP, VERGARA, ALMONTE, UNGAB, TALLADO AND TEVES (A.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 386

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
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Approved,

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SENATE
S. B. No. 1888

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Introduced by
Senators SONNY ANGARA, ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO, and MANUEL
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AN ACT
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Senator Miriam P. Defensor-Santiago dedicated her life to serving the public, displaying a remarkable record of achievement in all three branches of government. There, she showcased exceptional leadership, love for her country, and a commitment to excellence through outstanding contributions as a respected legal luminary.

In 1983, while serving as presiding judge in the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City, she eradicated the court's backlog of cases by implementing a no-postponement policy.

Throughout almost five decades of public service, she held numerous high-level positions in the Executive Department, including serving as the Commissioner of the Bureau of Immigration and Secretary of the Department of Agrarian Reform. As Immigration Commissioner, she implemented significant reforms that reduced corruption in the bureau. Meanwhile, as Secretary of Agrarian Reform, Senator Defensor-Santiago put an end to a controversial land conversion scheme where property owners were attempting to have their agricultural lands redefined as commercial, industrial, or residential in order to avoid or outright violate relevant regulations.

Senator Miriam also served as a three-term senator, where she was consistently among those with the highest numbers of bills and resolutions filed, as well as the author of several landmark laws. Her advocacies covered wide-ranging topics related to education; job creation and support to entrepreneurs; public order, youth, women, and family relations; health and demography; and justice and human rights.

In 2011, she further brought honor to the country by being elected as judge of the International Criminal Court for a nine-year term, making her the first Filipino and first Southeast Asian from a developing state to hold such a seat.

With her legal brilliance and strong stance on issues of governance, human rights, and corruption, Senator Defensor-Santiago has earned prestigious awards such as the Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service Award for Law (1986), the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service (1988), the YMCA Philippines Gold Vision Triangle Award for Government Service (1988), the University of the Philippines Most Outstanding Alumna in Law (1988), the Girl Scouts of the Philippine Golden Jubilee Achievement Award for Public Service (1990), and the Philippine Judges Association Hall of Fame (2015). In 2018, Senator Miriam once again made history as she became the first woman to be awarded the Quezon Service Cross, conferred only to a number of Filipino citizens for their exemplary service to the nation which adds great prestige to the Republic of the Philippines or contributes to the lasting benefit of its people.

Thus, in honor of Senator Defensor-Santiago's life-long public service and unparalleled contribution to shaping Philippine governance through her mastery of the law, this bill proposes to rename the Agham Road and the BIR Road to Senator Miriam P. Defensor-Santiago Avenue.

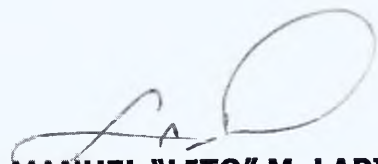
In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



SONNY ANGARA



ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO



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ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

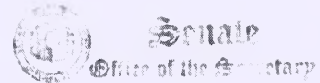
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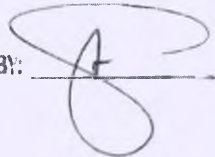
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Senator Miriam Palma Defensor-Santiago was a Filipino scholar, academic, lawyer, judge, author, and stateswoman who served in all three branches of the Philippine government for almost five decades.

In 1983, while serving as presiding judge in the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City, she eradicated the court's backlog of cases by implementing a no-postponement policy.

Thereafter, she held numerous high-level positions in the Executive Department, including serving as the Commissioner of the Bureau of Immigration and Secretary of the Department of Agrarian Reform. As Immigration Commissioner, she implemented significant reforms that reduced corruption in the bureau. Meanwhile, as Secretary of Agrarian Reform, Senator Defensor-Santiago put an end to a controversial land conversion scheme where property owners were attempting to have their agricultural lands redefined as commercial, industrial, or residential in order to avoid or outright violate relevant regulations.

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Due to her exemplary work in public service, Senator Santiago received numerous prestigious awards for excellence, some of which are the Outstanding Women in Nation's Service Award for Law (1986), Magsaysay Award for government service (1988), Gold Vision Triangle Award for government service, YMCA (1988), the Grand Cross of the Order of Civil Merit, Spain (2007), and the Distinguished Icon of Legal Excellence and Public Service Award (2016).

Senator Santiago was the first Filipino and Southeast Asian to be elected judge to the International Criminal Court for a nine-year term. However, she was not able to serve in the prestigious international body as she had to step down because of her illness.

Thus, in honor of Senator Defensor-Santiago's life-long public service and unparalleled contribution to shaping Philippine governance through her mastery of the law, this bill proposes to rename the Agham Road and the BIR Road to Senator Miriam P. Defensor-Santiago Avenue.

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



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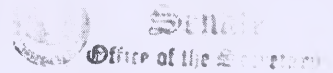
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SENATE
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago, known as the Iron Lady of Asia, was an epitome of a true public servant. She lived most of her life in genuine service to the people - the truest essence of her being a full-pledged *Iskolar ng Bayan*.

Her life was well-celebrated with countless achievements and recognitions. Among her valuable citations was being named laureate of the Ramon Magsaysay Award for government service. It reads, "for bold and moral leadership in cleaning up a graft-ridden government agency." Being a long-time legislator, she was able to display exemplary performance and productivity at the Senate. This basically sums up her illustrious stint in public service. She was well-known for her exceptional love for the country and commitment to integrity and uprightness through excellence.

Sen. Defensor-Santiago was the first Filipina, and first Asian, to be elected as a judge in the International Criminal Court. She was a recipient of the Philippines' highest national honor, the Quezon Service Cross.

In honor of Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago's lifelong dedication to public service, this bill seeks to rename Agham Road and BIR Road, both located in Quezon City, as Senator Miriam P. Defensor-Santiago Road. This is an attempt to immortalize, if at all, the late Dragon Lady, the Incorruptible Lady, the Doctor of All Laws, and the Iron Lady of Asia.

In this light, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.
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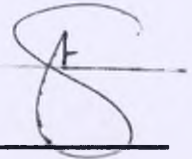
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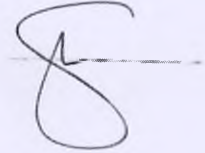
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to honor the legacy of Senator Miriam P. Defensor-Santiago, widely known as the "Iron Lady of Asia," by renaming the Agham Road and BIR Road located in Quezon City as Senator Miriam P. Defensor-Santiago Avenue.

Senator Defensor-Santiago was an esteemed and celebrated female icon of the modern era in the Philippines, whose exceptional achievements as a lawyer, public servant, and senator remain unparalleled. Senator Defensor-Santiago served in all three branches of government – judicial, executive, and legislative – leaving a profound impact on the country and the Filipino people she tirelessly served.

As a Regional Trial court judge, Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago exhibited her unwavering commitment to justice. Her strict adherence to the law, refusal to tolerate delays, and impartiality in decision-making earned her the moniker "Fighting Judge" and established her as an exemplar of justice, inspiring respect and admiration among her colleagues and the legal community.

In the executive department, Miriam Defensor Santiago served as Bureau of Immigration Commissioner and Secretary of Agrarian Reform, where she

demonstrated remarkable leadership and unwavering commitment to public service. At the Bureau of Immigration, she implemented reforms to address corruption within the agency, restoring public trust and upholding the integrity of immigration processes. As Secretary of Agrarian Reform, she passionately advocated for farmers' rights and pursued land distribution programs to empower them and promote social justice in the agricultural sector.

It was during her tenure as a member of the Philippine Senate that Senator Defensor-Santiago shone and made some of her greatest contributions to the Filipino people. Renowned as the senator with the highest number of bills filed, she authored significant laws that positively impacted the nation. Her legislative accomplishments include the landmark Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Act of 2012, the Renewable Energy Act of 2008, the Magna Carta of Women, and the Archipelagic Baselines Act of 2009. These laws bear witness to her profound dedication to improving the lives of the Filipino people.

Senator Defensor-Santiago's exceptional contributions and unwavering commitment to public service were recognized through numerous prestigious awards, including the Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) Award for Law, The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS) Award for Law, the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service, and the Most Outstanding Alumna in Law Award by the University of the Philippines. Moreover, in December 2018, she was posthumously honored with the prestigious Quezon Service Cross, the highest national honor bestowed by the Philippines, making her the first and only woman recipient of this esteemed accolade. Senator

Senator Defensor-Santiago also brought great pride to the Philippines as she became the first Asian from a developing nation and the first Filipino elected to the International Criminal Court by the United Nations. This remarkable achievement solidified her status as a trailblazer and showcased her exceptional legal expertise on the global stage.

Senator Defensor-Santiago's outstanding and selfless public service endeared her to the Filipino people. She holds a rockstar-like status among the youth, which makes her a favorite keynote speaker at many youth-oriented events.

In honor of her remarkable efforts and enduring contributions to the Filipino people and the nation, it is only fitting that Agham Road and BIR Road be renamed as Senator Miriam P. Defensor-Santiago Avenue. By bestowing this honor upon her, we ensure that Senator Defensor-Santiago's invaluable contributions to our society will be remembered and celebrated by generations to come.

In view of the foregoing, I earnestly seek for the approval of this bill.

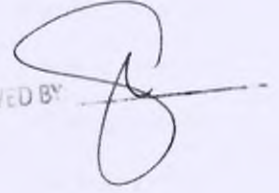

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