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EXPLANATORY NOTE

It has been observed that a number of major streets in Metro Manila have been renamed in honor of past presidents of the country, namely, Manuel L. Quezon, Jose P. Laurel, Manuel A. Roxas, Elpidio Quirino and Ramon Magsaysay.

Be that as it may, there is no major street in this premier metropolis that has been named or a monument of substance built in honor of General Emilio Aguinaldo, the President of the First Philippine Republic.

President Aguinaldo, whose presidency was inaugurated on June 12, 1898 in Kawit, Cavite, remains to be unappreciated and underrepresented especially in matters that can exalt him for his unprecedented leadership. Considering that we are celebrating the 110th anniversary of First Philippine Republic next year (2008), it is a propitious time to give honor to the distinguished Filipino who was one of the leaders who signed the Pact of Biak-na-Bato and was the president of the Supreme Council of the Biak-na-Bato Republican Government, and who also led the resistance against the American imperialist forces.

This bill, therefore, seeks to give due recognition to the valor and statesmanship of General Aguinaldo by renaming Circumferential Road 5 (from SLEX to Commonwealth Avenue), located in Metro Manila, as Emilio Aguinaldo Avenue.

The role of Aguinaldo, the military leader of the Republic, is entitled to a "long-delayed place of honor" in the national pantheon of heroes.

In the light of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

MANUEL A, ROXAS II

Senator

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AN ACT

RENAMING CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD 5 OR C-5 (FROM SLEX TO COMMONWEALTH AVENUE) IN METRO MANILA IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT EMILIO AGUINALDO, THE PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE FIRST PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC, TO BE KNOWN AS PRES. EMILIO AGUINALDO AVENUE.

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

SECTION 1.Naming of C-5 Road- In due recognition of the valor and statesmanship of General Emilio Aguinaldo who was the President and Commander-InChief of the First Philippine Republic, the Circumferential Road 5 which is commonly known as C-5 Road (from the South Luzon Expressway [SLEX] toll plaza up to Commonwealth Avenue), located in Metro Manila is hereby named as the President Emilio Aguinaldo Avenue.

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SEC. 2. Official Reference; Change of Signage.- The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and/or the Metro Manila Authority (MMDA), the various local government units (LGUs) exercising jurisdiction over areas traversed by the C-5 Road as well as the entire government bureaucracy shall henceforth officially refer to the said road as the President Emilio Aguinaldo Avenue. Furthermore, the DPWH,MMDA

- 1 and concerned LGUs shall also cause the installation and/or appropriate change of the
- 2 signage referring to the said road at the soonest possible time.

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- 4 SEC.3. Effectivity.- This law shall take effect within fifteen (15) days from its
- 5 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation, which shall be undertaken by
- 6 the DPWH immediately upon approval hereof.

Approved,