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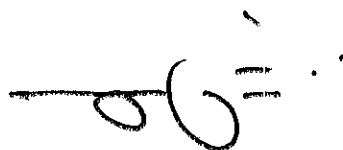
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Projects and activities funded by the government are indeed derived from the tax levied from the Filipino people. Thus, it is only appropriate, legal and ethical to say that such government projects are owned and funded by the Filipino people.

In spite of this fact, government officials both elected and appointed have the practice and habit to label and acknowledge the procurement of items, construction of physical infrastructures and the various activities with their names and/or identities as if they personally funded these projects. Worse, they seem to create the impression to the public that they own whatever projects they have initiated – from waiting sheds, ambulances to roads, school buildings and bridges.

Furthermore, the practice of labelling and acknowledging government projects with their names or identities allows the incumbent government officials to prematurely campaign for re-election or election for higher office.

It is for these reasons that the prompt approval of this measure is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT
DECLARING AS UNLAWFUL ANY GOVERNMENT
PROJECTS TO BE NAMED OR IDENTIFIED AFTER
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND OTHER PERSONS
WHOSE NAME OR IDENTITY MAY IN ANY MANNER BE
ASSOCIATED WITH SAID OFFICIALS**

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

SECTION 1. Prohibited Acts. – It shall be unlawful for any government projects to be named or identified after any government officials or other persons whose identity may in any manner be associated with said government officials, except those as may be determined by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) in accordance with law or its duly issued guidelines or regulations.

For purposes of this Act, government officials shall mean any person, appointed or elected, in government whose office is given the authority, privilege or right to identify, administer, implement, coordinate or propose a government project.

Government project/s shall, on the other hand, cover goods and infrastructure projects as defined in Section 5 paragraphs h and k, respectively, of Republic Act No. 9184.

SEC. 2. *Penalty.* – The penalty of one (1) year imprisonment and a fine of Php100,000.00 to Php1,000,000.00 shall be imposed upon any person who violates the provisions of this Act. The determination of the amount of fine imposed herein shall be dependent on the amount of the government project concerned.

A second violation, however, shall in addition to the above penalty of imprisonment and fine subject the offender to suffer absolute perpetual disqualification to hold office.

SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Government Procurement Policy Board in coordination with the NHCP shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to effectively carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Separability Clause.* If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, proclamations and/or administrative regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or at least three (3) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,