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Introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon**

AN ACT
RENAMING MANDAUE CAUSEWAY IN THE CITY OF MANDAUE, CEBU
TO OUANO AVENUE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to change the name of the Mandaue Causeway to Ouano Avenue to honor the dignified members of the Ouano family who contributed to the welfare of the Filipino people, especially to the City of Mandaue, Cebu.

Since the Spanish occupation, members Ouano clan dedicated their lives to public service in Mandaue. Based on available information, the list includes the following: *Cabeza de Barangay* Alejo, Rafael, Arcadio, Agaton, and Numeriano; *Consejales* Francisco (1900-1901; 1909-1911), Aniano (1900-1901; 1906-1907), Samson (1906), and Catalino (1908-1911); Municipal Councilors Gerardo and Damian (1945-1946); *Bise Presidente* Aniano (1902-1903); City Mayor Alfredo (1988-1991; 1992-1998) and Thadeo (1998-2007), all surnamed Ouano. Notably, Mayor Alfredo Ouano began his legendary political career when he was elected as a Councilor of Mandaue (1956-1965), and, thereafter, as Vice Mayor (1972-1986). During his tenure as Mayor, Mandaue was reclassified as a highly-urbanized city in 1991. All of the Ouanos mentioned served the people of Mandaue for more than a century with utmost and unselfish dedication, sincerity honesty, integrity, and devotion to duty.

For the immeasurable contributions to the City's progress, efforts were made to perpetually commemorate the Ouano family. As early as February 1997, in an earnest desire to give due honor and tribute to the Ouano family, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mandaue enacted Ordinance No. 97-005 to name the unnamed street from the corner of S.B. Cabahug Street in Centro towards the reclamation area up to the newly constructed bridge at the International Port as

"Ouano Avenue." However, this stretch was classified as a national road by the Department of Public Works and Highways through Department Order No. 16, Series of 2013, designating it as the "Mandaue Causeway." In September 2019, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mandaue passed a Resolution No. 15-659-2019 supporting the effort to revert the name of the same street to "Ouano Avenue".

The choice of this street is not by accident. The Mandaue Causeway is a major thoroughfare traversing the 180-hectare Special Economic one of Mandaue City, a landmark reclamation project championed by its visionary mayors, Alfredo Ouano and his son, Thadeo Ouano, who are now both deceased. Without the reclamation project, the construction of the national road would not have been possible.

In view of the foregoing, it is but fitting to recognize the invaluable contributions and commendable service of the Ouano clan to the City of Mandaue. Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

Section 1. The street from the corner of Mandaue City Hospital in Centro, Mandaue City traversing the Reclamation Area up to the bridge of Mahiga Creek at the Cebu International Port which is classified as a national road and named as Mandaue Causeway is hereby renamed as Ouano Avenue.

Section 2. The point of the beginning of the street herein renamed as Ouano Avenue and its extent consisting of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Two (2,752) meters (Mahiga Creek, to Barangays Subangdako, Tipolo, and Centro Boundaries), is described more particularly, as follows:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTIONS		
LINES	BEARINGS	DISTANCES
MANDAUE CAUSEWAY (OUANO AVE.)		
1 2	N 51 39' E	638.33 m.
2 3	N 32 59' E	453.48 m.
3 4	N 42 18' E	533.51 m.

4 5	N 51 38' E	385.47 m.
5 6	N 72 29' E	80.38 m.
6 7	S 68 55' E	461.39 m.
7 8	S 65 45' E	200.05 m.

1 **Section 3.** The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) or the
2 local government unit concerned is hereby mandated to post the necessary signs
3 and do whatever is necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

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5 **Section 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
6 in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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8 Approved,