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Senators SONNY ANGARA, ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO, and MANUEL
"LITO" M. LAPID

AN ACT
**RENAMING AGHAM ROAD AND BIR ROAD LOCATED IN QUEZON CITY AS
SENATOR MIRIAM P. DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO AVENUE**

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.

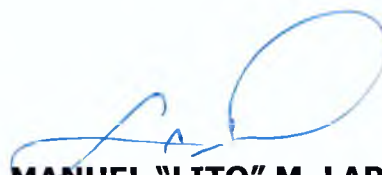
In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

ARTICLE I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. The Agham Road and BIR Road traversing from North Avenue to East Avenue located in Quezon City are hereby renamed as Senator Miriam P. Defensor-Santiago Avenue.

SEC. 2. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,