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**Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**

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

**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.

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

1           **Section 1.** The Agham Road and BIR Road traversing from North Avenue to  
2 East Avenue located in Quezon City are hereby renamed as Senator Miriam P.  
3 Defensor-Santiago Avenue.  
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5           **Sec. 2.** Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Department of  
6 Public Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the  
7 effective implementation of this Act  
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9           **Sec. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
10 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved.*