



SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
FIFTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 15-14

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2006 HOUSE LOCAL BILL No. 15-32, SNILD 1

A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT

To rename the Apinomw Avenue located in the village of Tanapag to the "SSG Wilgene Lieto Road", in honor of the late Staff Sergeant Wilgene Christopher Tudela Lieto of the U.S. Army Reserve, for making the courageous and ultimate sacrifice while unselfishly serving in our mother country's fight to liberate the people of Iraq and defend freedom in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:

1 **Section 1. Findings.** The Third Senatorial District Delegation finds that the late
2 Staff Sergeant Wilgene Christopher Tudela Lieto began his military career when he enlisted
3 in the United States Army Reserve on June 24, 1999, and quickly attained the rank of
4 Sergeant and was subsequently promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant in recognition of his
5 outstanding performance, commitment, patriotism and dedication for our country's defense
6 and for the fight to protect freedom for all. On July 2004, the late Staff Sergeant Lieto's
7 Company E, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry was activated, and subsequently deployed to
8 Iraq to join in our mother country's fight to liberate the people of Iraq under Operation Iraqi
9 Freedom. The Third Senatorial District Delegation also finds that the late Staff Sergeant
10 Wilgene Christopher Tudela Lieto demonstrated unparalleled valor and courage in service to
11 our nation, in order that others may be liberated and enjoy life as free people. The Third
12 Senatorial District Delegation further finds that despite the opportunity to leave the military
13 and the dangers of battle at the end of his military contract, the late Staff Sergeant Wilgene
14 Christopher Tudela Lieto unselfishly chose to re-enlist and continue his tour of duty in Iraq.

1 On October 31, 2005, the late Staff Sergeant Lieto was killed in action during patrol mission
2 in Balad, Iraq.

3 The Third Senatorial District Delegation recognizes and appreciates the late
4 Staff Sergeant Wilgene Christopher Tudela Lieto's selfless act of courage, valor, and
5 patriotism. Therefore, it is the intent of the Third Senatorial District Delegation to
6 honor the late Staff Sergeant Wilgene Christopher Tudela Lieto for making the
7 ultimate sacrifice in service of our nation and in defense of freedom by naming a
8 stretch of road after him in the village of Tanapag, where he was born, lived, and
9 grew up in.

10 **Section 2. Street Naming.** The stretch of road in Tanapag village immediately south
11 of Tanapag Elementary School, and beginning from Pale Arnold Road heading west and
12 connecting to Chamolinian Drive, now known as Apinomw Avenue, is hereby renamed the
13 "SSG Wilgene Lieto Road" in honor of the brave and courageous late Staff Sergeant Wilgene
14 Christopher Tudela Lieto.

15 **Section 3. Street Renaming.** The stretch of the Industrial Drive starting from the
16 traffic light off of Pale Arnold going north past the US Army Reserve facility and ending at
17 the intersection on Bastos Street is hereby renamed the "100th Battalion, 422nd Infantry
18 Drive" in honor of the brave men and women of the local Army Reserve who serve our
19 country to protect freedom against the on going threat of terrorism.

20 **Section 4. Administering Authority.** The Mayor of Saipan is authorized to
21 administer the provisions of this Act.

22 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
23 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
24 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
25 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

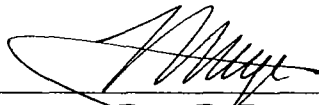
26 **Section 6. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
27 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
28 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
29 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law.
30 The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying,

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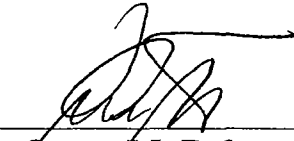
1 any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act
2 becomes effective.

3 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
4 Governor or it becoming law without such approval.

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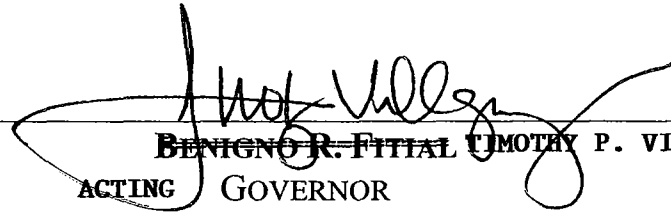


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Oscar M. Babauta
Speaker
House of Representatives

Approved on this 29th day of October, 2006.



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