



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2008

Public Law No. 16-16
H. B. No. 16-113

AN ACT

To name the baseball field in Sinapalo, Rota as the "Joaquin Mesngon Ogo Baseball Field"; for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that the baseball field in
2 Sinapalo, Rota was developed through the joint effort and contribution, both in-kind and
3 monetary, from government and private sectors of Rota as well as from the community. The
4 Legislature further finds it fitting that this baseball field be named after a citizen of Rota whose
5 service and generous contributions to the island of Rota are immeasurable.

6 Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo was born on November 18, 1929, on the Island of Rota to the late
7 Juan B. and Maria M. Ogo. Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo is married to Julita M. Ogo and are blessed with
8 ten wonderful children: Pio, Agnes, Patrick, Lucas, Natividad, Maria, Joseph, Joaquin, David
9 (deceased), and Abraham. Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo began his government service from 1965 to 1966
10 when he worked for A culture. From 1972 to 1984, Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo served the community
11 of Rota as a bus driver. It was also during the period from 1965 to 1975, when Mr. Joaquin M.
12 Ogo contributed his time and assistance to the community by volunteering as a baseball umpire.
13 From 1985 to 1991, Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo began working for the Honorable Benjamin T.
14 Manglona during his tenure as a Senator and Lieutenant Governor, where he provided various
15 assistance and services to the people of Rota. In 1992, Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo retired from
16 government service.

17 The Rota Legislative Delegation has recognized Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo for his outstanding
18 citizenship and contributions to the people of Rota through Rota Legislative Delegation
19 Resolution 16-02 and proposed to name the baseball field in Sinapalo, Rota, in his honor through
20 Senate Local Bill 16-02. Although Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo has been recognized on the municipal
21 level, the Legislature deems it appropriate that his efforts be recognized Commonwealth-wide.

1 The Legislature, therefore finds it fitting that the baseball field in Sinapalo, Rota, be named after
2 Mr. Joaquin M. Ogo in recognition of his contributions to the people of Rota.

3 **Section 2. Naming.** The baseball field in Sinapalo, Rota is hereby named "Joaquin
4 Mesngon Ogo Baseball Field."

5 **Section 3. Dedication.** The Mayor of Rota shall prepare a plan of dedication within thirty
6 days from the effective date of this Act.

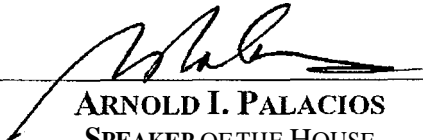
7 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
8 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
9 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in
10 this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment
11 of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or
12 criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

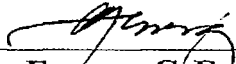
13 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
14 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
15 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
16 circumstances other than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

17 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor,
18 or becoming law without such approval.

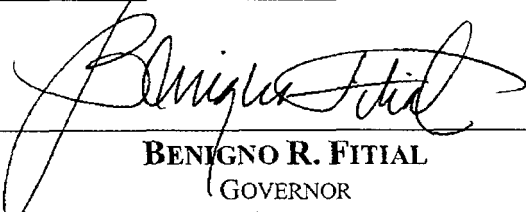
CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED TO BY:


ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE


EVELYN C. FLEMING
HOUSECLERK

APPROVED on this 9th day of SEPTEMBER, 2008


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GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS