

SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2009

Public Law 16-40
SENATE BILL NO. 16-52

AN ACT

To rename the Rota Veteran Memorial Park to "the Corporal
Joe G. Charfauros Jr. Rota Veteran Memorial Park."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that the Rota Veterans
2 Memorial Park was created in honor of Rota's veterans to the United States of America
3 Armed Forces. The Legislature further finds that the Rota Legislative Delegation passed Rota
4 Legislative Delegation Commemorative Resolution No. 15-3, honoring "the late Specialist Joe
5 Gougue Charfauros Jr. for making the courageous and ultimate sacrifice in our nation's
6 struggle to bring peace and freedom to the people of Iraq." The Legislature finds that the
7 intent of this resolution was to "recognize and commend the late Specialist Joe Gougue
8 Charfauros Jr.'s courage and valor (so) that (he) shall be forever remembered by the very
9 grateful people of the Island of Rota and of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
10 Islands." Therefore, the Legislature finds that the park shall remain in honor of all Rota's
11 military veterans, however, Corporal Joe G. Charfauros Jr.s' name shall be adjoined to the
12 park's title in honor of his ultimate sacrifice for our country.

13 Thus, it is the purpose of this Act to honor Corporal Joe G. Charfauros Jr. by renaming
14 the Rota Veteran Memorial Park to "the Corporal Joe G. Charfauros Jr. Rota Veteran
15 Memorial Park."

16 Section 2. Rota Veteran Memorial Park Renaming. The Rota Veteran Memorial Park
17 is hereby renamed "the Corporal Joe G. Charfauros Jr. Rota Veteran Memorial Park."

18 Section 3. Administering Authority. The Division of Parks and Recreation under the
19 authority of the Department of Land and Natural Resources shall commission and provide for

1 signage, consistent with Section 2 of this act, to be affixed permanently in a prominent
2 location at the Rota Veteran Memorial park so that it can be seen, without obstruction, from a
3 distance of no less than 100 feet away. The signage shall be in place as prescribed herein
4 within 60 days after the effective date of this act.

5 Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
6 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
7 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
8 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

9 Section 5. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
10 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
11 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained
12 in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The
13 enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of tenninating, or in any way modifying, any
14 liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes
15 effective.

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

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

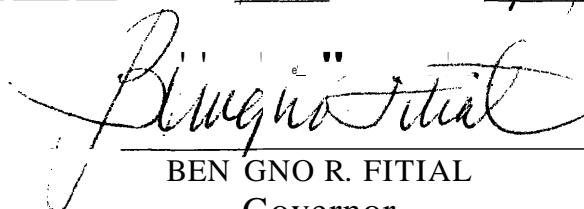


PETE P. REYES
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



MARIA FRICA T. PANGELINAN
SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

APPROVED this 12th day of MAY, 2009



BEN GNO R. FITIAL
Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands