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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Introduced by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez

House Bill No. **5703**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Cagayan de Oro International Convention Center was first conceptualized last 1998. The idea was to have it built in Taguanao, Barangay Indahag, in Cagayan de Oro City. Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr. started to secure funds for its construction.

Construction began in 2003 with a construction cost of Php 349,000,000. The facility was designed to have a seating capacity of 7,700. It has a multi-purpose hall that can accommodate 1,000 guests, a convertible indoor playing court, an exhibit area for 1,500 viewing guests with a demountable partition for flexibility of expansion, 12 function rooms for 1,000 guests, 4 club rooms with lockers and showers, cafeteria with approximately 100 seating capacity, and an administrative office, storage room and other support facilities.

This key infrastructure is essential to our serious commitment to make Cagayan de Oro City remain in the top most competitive cities in the Philippines and towards becoming the "tourism Convention capital" in the Mindanao region.

Former Senate president and PDP-Laban founder Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr. is one of the pillars of democracy of the Philippines and is father of the Local Government Code. He was a staunch critic of late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, and will be remembered as a freedom fighter who resisted martial law resulting in his being imprisoned several times for his unwavering belief in democracy.

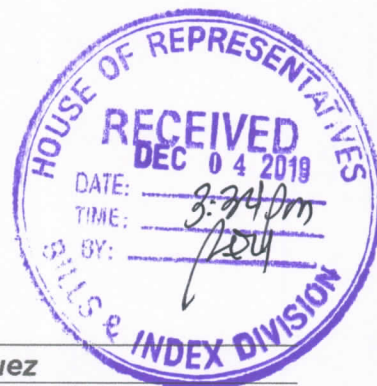
He won a seat as Assemblyman for Cagayan de Oro in the Batasang Pambansa in 1984. He was elected Senator in 1987 and again in 1998 and in 2004, during which time, he was elected Senate President in 2000, becoming the first Mindanaonon to occupy the said position.

Senator Nene Pimentel was a great statesman of our country, a true Mindanaonon and a native son of Cagayan de Oro City.

It is for these reasons that the yet to be completed Cagayan de Oro Convention Center should be renamed as the Aquilino Pimentel, Jr. International Convention Center.

In view of the same, immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested


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AN ACT

RENAMING THE CAGAYAN DE ORO CONVENTION CENTER LOCATED IN
BARANGAY INDAHAG, CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY INTO THE AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL,
JR. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER

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

SECTION 1. The Cagayan de Oro Convention Center located in Barangay Indahag,
Cagayan de Oro City is hereby renamed into the Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr. International
Convention Center in honor of one of the most distinguished sons of Cagayan de Oro City.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of
general circulation.

Approved,