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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to rename the Gurel-Bokod-Kabayan-Abatan Road to Andres Acop Cosalan Road in recognition of the long years of public service rendered by the late Andres Acop Cosalan as the former representative of the Province of Benguet during the Sixth (then Mountain Province District) and Seventh Congress and in the Interim Batasan Pambansa (Region I)(1965-1984). During his term in office, he was the articulate and aggressive spokesman in the halls of Congress for the people of Baguio and Benguet Province and an exemplar of honesty, sincerity and dedication to public service for his constituents.

In Congress, he authored several landmark legislations including among others the division of the old Mountain Province into four district and independent provinces (RA 4695), the redistricting of the former 2nd congressional district of Mt. Province to Baguio City and Benguet Province, creating two school divisions for Baguio and Benguet (RA 5968), converting the former Mountain State Agricultural College into a chartered state university (RA 5923) (now known as Benguet State University by virtue of PD 2010), establishing the Benguet General Hospital (RA 5955), upgrading the Balacbac Agricultural School in Kapangan to an agro-industrial school (Gov. Bado Dangwa Agro-Industrial School) (RA 5886), upgrading the Loo-Buguias Agricultural School to an agro-industrial school (RA 4192), increasing the minimum wages of mining workers (RA 4707), increasing the retirement disability and death benefits in the Social Security Act (RA 4857), releasing from government reservation lots under bonafide occupation in Brgy. Holy Ghost, Cabinet Hill, Magsaysay and Quirino Hill, and offsetting the electric power obligation of Baguio City to the National Power Corporation with realty taxes obligation to the City and other laws benefitting the people of Baguio City and Benguet Province.

The Gurel-Bokod-Kabayan-Abatan Road is a national secondary road, called by the places traversed by this road; hence, its lengthy and confusing name. Road names, per the guidelines of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, should be short and simple for practical and aesthetic reasons. Complicated and confusing names should be discouraged. The recommended name satisfies all that and would give a sense of history and significance to this national road.

Approval of the bill is earnestly and urgently recommended.

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AN ACT RENAMING THE GUREL-BOKOD-KABAYAN-ABATAN ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET TO CONG. ANDRES ACOP COSALAN ROAD

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

SECTION 1. In recognition of his public service rendered to the people of the Province of Benguet from the Sixth to Seventh Congress and the Interim Batasan Pambansa, the Gurel-Bokod-Kabayan-Abatan Road is renamed as the Cong. Andres Acop Cosalan Road.

SECTION 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall place appropriate markers along the Cong. Andres Acop Cosalan Road and issue the necessary orders and circulars to implement the provision of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Approved.