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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 4053**



Introduced by **HON. RENE L. RELAMPAGOS**, First District, Bohol and  
**HON. RAUL V. DEL MAR**, First District, Cebu City

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The naming of Panglao Island Circumferential Road in honor of Mr. Anos J. Fonacier is a fitting tribute to the man whose foresight saw the strong potentials of Bohol province as the country's prime tourist destination. He was a distinguished businessman and a leader who had contributed immensely to the improvement of the lives of Boholanos when he established the Bohol Beach Club in 1984, the first premiere resort in Bohol, which opened many opportunities in the travel and tourism industry.

Known as Bohol's "Father of Tourism", Fonacier lobbied for infrastructure development in Panglao which paved the way for a prosperous tourism industry. He was the first to bring Bohol to local and international travel and trade fairs and set global standards on tourism and hospitality, drawing in more tourists and investors in the province. Moreover, Fonacier was instrumental in pushing for the crafting of the Bohol Tourism Master Plan of 2008 and the creation of the new Bohol airport project. Among his brainchilds include the Panglao airport and Tarsier Foundation. Many tourism policies, programs and projects crafted at the provincial level were guided by his clear vision and genuine intention to develop Bohol as a first class tourism destination.

To cap his list of accomplishments, the Department of Tourism bestowed upon him the Kalakbay Award for his entrepreneurial skills and dedication to put Cebu and Bohol in the international tourism map being the first one to build a commercial beach resort in Mactan, Cebu. The first charter flights to Cebu from Hong Kong, Japan and the United States, was made possible through his initiatives.

From the foregoing, it is undeniable how Anos Fonacier contributed to the growth and development of Bohol. He has definitely played an insurmountable role in fostering Bohol's robust tourism growth. Anos Fonacier has indeed rendered an exemplary service to our country.

Thus, it is befitting that a national road is named after a man whose achievements and contributions to the tourism sector made Bohol province what it is today.

It is for this purpose that this bill is being sought to be passed.

  
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**“AN ACT RENAMING PANGLAO ISLAND CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD TO  
PANGLAO ISLAND ANOS FONACIER CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROAD”**

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

**SECTION 1.** In recognition of the remarkable achievements and contributions of the late Anos Fonacier in the development of Bohol’s tourism, the Panglao Island Circumferential Road in the Municipalities of Panglao and Dauis, is hereby renamed as Panglao Island Anos Fonacier Circumferential Road.

**SECTION 2.** The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is hereby directed to implement the provision of this Act.

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,