

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila



Seventeenth Congress  
First Regular Session  
HOUSE BILL NO. **3580**

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Introduced by the Honorable Gloria Macapagal Arroyo

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

William Golangco built the forty-five (45) kilometer Gapan-San Fernando-Olongapo Road (GSO Road), now called the Jose Abad Santos Avenue (JASA), connecting four provinces of Central Luzon. This highway, which significantly cut travel time from Nueva Ecija to Bataan, passing through several communities of Pampanga and Zambales, has since become a major thoroughfare for residents of these four provinces. More significantly, GSO Road/JASA, since its construction, has played a key role in reviving the economies of old inner towns of Pampanga such as Bacolor, Guagua and Lubao.

Throughout the construction period, from 1974-1979, Golangco hired hundreds of local residents for various works, particularly those from the towns of Guagua and Lubao. He also established a construction depot at the intersection of GSO Road/JASA and the San Antonio, Guagua-Floridablanca Road, near the border of Bgys. San Antonio and Jose Abad Santos-Siran, all in Guagua. The depot became a popular landmark among the locals who referred to the area as "Golangco". The appellation remained even after the depot ceased to operate and has gained historical prominence due to universal acceptance not only by local residents but also by the general commuting public. Local officials, heeding the public clamor to officially name the intersection after Golangco,

as it has always been referred to since the late 1970's, passed Resolution 46-S-2014 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Guagua, naming the said intersection as the William Golangco Junction.

In recognition of the vision and dedication of the late contractor William Golangco whose construction of the Gapan-San Fernando-Olongapo Road/JASA directly gave jobs to hundreds of Kapampangans and created thousands more of new livelihood opportunities, and whose efforts continue to bring innumerable benefits to the people of Guagua and Lubao in Pampanga as well as other areas traversed by JASA, I ask my colleagues of this Seventeenth Congress to support this legislative measure renaming the San Antonio Guagua- Floridablanca National Road as William Golangco Road and officially recognizing the intersection of JASA and San Antonio-Floridablanca Road in Guagua, Pampanga as the William Golangco Junction.



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**AN ACT NAMING THE SAN ANTONIO, GUAGUA-  
FLORIDABLANCA NATIONAL ROAD AS THE "WILLIAM  
GOLANGCO ROAD" AND THE INTERSECTION OF JOSE ABAD  
SANTOS AVENUE AND SAN ANTONIO, GUAGUA-  
FLORIDABLANCA ROAD AS THE WILLIAM GOLANGCO  
JUNCTION**

Section 1. The San Antonio, Guagua -Floridablanca Road starting from its intersection with the Guagua-Lubao Road in Barangay San Antonio, Guagua up to the border of Bgy. Jose Abad Santos-Siran, Guagua and the town of Floridablanca, Pampanga is hereby named the William Golangco Road.

Section 2. The intersection of the Jose Abad Santos Avenue and the San Antonio, Guagua-Floridablanca Road in Guagua, Pampanga is hereby officially recognized as the William Golangco Junction.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved.