

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
**First Regular Session**

House Bill No. **5441**



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**Introduced by Representative PABLO JOHN F. GARCIA**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to change the name of the Mandaue Causeway to Ouano Avenue to honor the dignified members of the Ouano family who contributed to the welfare of the Filipino people, especially to the people of the City of Mandaue, Cebu.

Since the Spanish occupation, members of the Ouano clan have been in public service in the confines of Mandaue. Based on available information, the list includes the following: *Cabeza de Barangay* Alejo, Rafael, Arcadio, Agaton, and Numeriano; *Consejales* Francisco (1900-1901; 1909-1911), Aniano (1900-1901; 1906-1907), Samson (1906), and Catalino (1908-1911); Municipal Councilors Gerardo and Damian (1945-1946); *Bise Presidente* Aniano (1902-1903); City Mayors Alfredo (1988-1991; 1992-1998) and Thadeo (1998-2007). Notably, Mayor Alfredo's legendary career started in his tenure as a City Councilor (1956-1965) and Vice-Mayor (1972-1986) and he continued to steer Mandaue until its reclassification as a highly urbanized city in 1991. All of the Ouanos mentioned served the people of Mandaue for more than a century with utmost and unselfish dedication, sincerity, honesty, integrity, and devotion to duty.

For these magnanimous contributions to the City's progress, decisions were made to perpetually commemorate the Ouano family. As early as February 1997, in an earnest desire to give due honor and tribute to the Ouano family, the City of Mandaue enacted Ordinance No. 97-005 to name the then unnamed street from the corner of S.B. Cabahug Street in Centro towards the reclamation area up to the newly constructed bridge at the International Port as "Ouano Avenue." This stretch was classified as a national road by Department of Public Works and Highways in Department Order No. 16, Series of 2013, designating it as the "Mandaue Causeway." In September 2019, the City of Mandaue passed Resolution No. 15-659-2019 supporting the effort to rename that same street to the Ouano Avenue.

The choice of this street is not by accident. The Mandaue Causeway is a major thoroughfare traversing the 180-hectare Special Economic Zone of Mandaue City, a landmark reclamation project championed by its visionary mayors, Alfredo

Ouano and his son Thadeo Ouano, who are now both deceased. Without the reclamation project, the construction of the national road would not have been possible.

In view of the foregoing, it is but fitting to recognize the invaluable contributions and commendable service of the Ouano clan to the City of Mandaue. Hence, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Garcia', is positioned above the printed name.

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**AN ACT**  
**RENAMING MANDAUE CAUSEWAY IN THE CITY OF MANDAUE, CEBU**  
**TO OUANO AVENUE**

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

**Section 1.** The street from the corner of Mandaue City Hospital in Centro, Mandaue City traversing the Reclamation Area up to the bridge of Mahiga Creek at the Cebu International Port which is classified as a national road and named as Mandaue Causeway is hereby renamed as Ouano Avenue.

**Section 2.** The point of the beginning of the street herein renamed as Ouano Avenue and its extent consisting of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Two (2,752) meters (Mahiga Creek, to Barangays Subangdako, Tipolo, and Centro Boundaries), is described more particularly, as follows:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTIONS		
LINES	BEARINGS	DISTANCES
<b>MANDAUE CAUSEWAY (OUANO AVE.)</b>		
1		
2	N 51 39' E	638.33 m.
2		
3	N 32 59' E	453.48 m.
3		
4	N 42 18' E	533.51 m.
4		
5	N 51 38' E	385.47 m.
5		
6	N 75 29' E	80.38 m.
6		
7	S 68 55' E	461.39 m.
7		
8	S 65 45' E	200.05 m.



**Section 3.** The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) or the local government unit concerned is hereby mandated to post the necessary signs and do whatever is necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

**Section 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,