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4/25/83

Time:

1:20 p.m.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To name the new Hospital for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands "The Doctor Francisco T. Palacios Hospital".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. The new hospital for the Commonwealth of the
 2 Northern Mariana Islands is hereby named "The Doctor Francisco T.
 3 Palacios Hospital" to honor the late Doctor Francisco T. Palacios
 4 in recognition of his long, dedicated, outstanding and unselfish
 5 services towards the residents and citizens of the Commonwealth of
 6 the Northern Mariana Islands. At such urgency as the Director of
 7 Health and Environmental Services, the Mayor of Saipan and the
 8 Governor deem appropriate, the new hospital shall be so officially
 9 named.

10 Section 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
 11 the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Date: 4-27-83

Introduced by:

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/s/ Rep. Vicente C. DL. Guerrero

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/s/ Rep. Vicente M. Sablan

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Office of the Governor

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May 9, 1983

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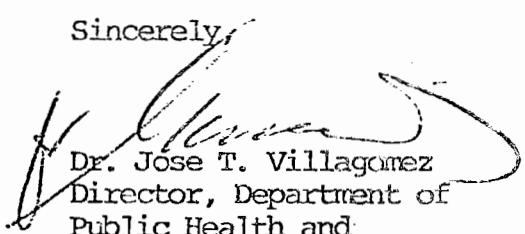
Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to comment on H.B. 291, "A Bill to name the new hospital for the Commonwealth "the Dr. Francisco T. Palacios Hospital".

First, I would like to commend the introducers of H.B. 291. I feel it is noble of them to feel that our new hospital should be named for Dr. Francisco T. Palacios. While I wholeheartedly concur that the late Dr. Palacios deserves to have the new hospital named after him, it is my understanding that there are two other bills being introduced requesting that the hospital be named for two other individuals. While these other two individuals may also deserve to have the new hospital named for them, perhaps an alternative solution you may wish to consider would be to name hospital wings in commemoration of these deserving persons.

In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that the new Commonwealth Hospital be named the Commonwealth Health Center. This would appropriately describe the health facility being built without attaching an individual's name.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jose T. Villagomez
Director, Department of
Public Health and
Environmental Services

cc: Governor
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The Honorable Jesus A. Sonoda
Chairman, House Committee on Judiciary
and Governmental Operations
Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth
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Saipan, CM 96950


Dear Chairman Sonoda:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on House Bill No. 291, which proposes to name the new hospital "the Dr. Francisco T. Palacios Hospital", in honor of the late Dr. Francisco T. Palacios.

The issue of renaming public facilities to honor persons who have made significant contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is a most delicate subject. There is no question that Dr. Palacios was a talented, dedicated physician and civic leader. However, there are other practicing physicians who may also be deserving of similar recognition when they depart from this world. For example, the former governor, like Dr. Palacios, was a medical practitioner and high public official.

As you know, there are many suggestions to name the new hospital. It is my suggestion that before any action is taken that your Committee, because of the magnitude of this subject matter, solicit the views and comments of the general public.

Sincerely,


PEDRO A. TENORIO
Lt. Governor

CC: Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review