

**A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To name the former Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) building at the Rota High School located in Liyo, Rota to "*Sergeant Major Herman Manglona Atalig*" in recognition and appreciation of his untiring and outstanding contributions to the CNMI Public School System and to the people of the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH
CODE:**

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Rota Legislative Delegation (Delegation)
2 acknowledges the enactment of Rota Local Law 22-06 amending 10 CMC § 1304(a)(3)(ii) to
3 authorize naming of buildings and streets after those who have made significant contributions to
4 their communities.

5 The Delegation finds that Sergeant Major (Ret) Herman Manglona Atalig honorably served
6 in the United States Army from June 1968 to April 1996 as an infantryman. In 1968, at the age of
7 20 years old, he was drafted into the Army where he was an infantry point man during the Vietnam
8 War. Later in his career, he served during the Panama Invasion. After 28 years in active duty, he
9 returned to Rota, the island of his ancestors to fulfill a promise made to his father that he would
10 return home to serve his community. For the next 16 years, he was the Senior Army Instructor for
11 the RHS/RHI JROTC Program.

12 The Delegation finds that during his military career he held many positions and stated that
13 the most rewarding were: Republic of Korea Marine Ranger and Recondo School Instructor;
14 Senior Drill Sergeant Instructor and Rutgers University ROTC Instructor; Sergeant Major
15 Inspector General; Operation Sergeant Major for Forces Command; and Senior Army Enlisted
16 Advisor for the Reserve Component on Guam.

1 The Delegation further finds that among his numerous awards and badges, he is most proud
2 of his: Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with four
3 oak leaf clusters; Combat Infantry Badge; Drill Sergeant Badge; and the Republic of Korea Ranger
4 Badge. Additionally, Sergeant Major (Ret) Herman Manglona Atalig received the following
5 commendations from the Mariana Islands: Chief Gaddao Award from the Governor of Guam;
6 CNMI Congressional Resolution; CNMI Senate Resolution; CNMI PSS “2011 Instructor of
7 Year”; 1st Veteran from Rota to participate in the Library of Congress’ Veteran’s History Project;
8 and selected twice by his former cadets for Who, Who Among American Teachers. Sergeant
9 Major (Ret) Herman Manglona Atalig received his Associates Degree from the University of
10 Phoenix and also studied 10 years of martial arts and earned a 1st Degree Black Belt in Shotokan.

11 The Delegation finds that presently, Sergeant Major (Ret) Herman Manglona Atalig is
12 serving his 2nd 4-year term in the CNMI Public School System State Board of Education where
13 he was elected by the people of Rota. For the past three (3) years, he was nominated as the Vice
14 Chairman and four (years) as Chairman of the Fiscal, Personnel, and Administration (FPA) where
15 his focus was on fiscal accountability and transparency in how funding was managed and spent.

16 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to honor and commend Sergeant Major (Ret)
17 Herman Manglona Atalig who has and continues to make significant contributions to the CNMI
18 Public School System, our children and our communities. This Act will name the former Junior
19 Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) building at the Rota High School located in Liyo, Rota
20 to "Sergeant Major Herman Manglona Atalig" in recognition and appreciation of his untiring and
21 outstanding contributions to the CNMI Public School System and to the people of the
22 Commonwealth.

23 **Section 2. To name a building at the Rota High School.** The former Junior Reserve
24 Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) building at the Rota High School located in Liyo, Rota is hereby
25 named "*Sergeant Major Herman Manglona Atalig*" in recognition and appreciation of his
26 untiring and outstanding contributions to the CNMI Public School System and to the people of the
27 Commonwealth.

1 **Section 3. Dedication.** The Mayor of Rota, in coordination with the CNMI Public School
2 System, shall prepare a plan of dedication within sixty days from the effective date of this Act.

3 **Section 4. Severability.**

4 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or
5 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act
6 or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held
7 invalid shall not be affected thereby.

8 **Section 5. Savings Clause.**

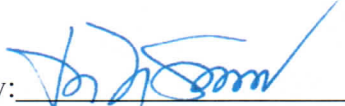
9 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing
10 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or
11 order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
12 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of
13 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
14 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

15 **Section 6. Effective Date.**

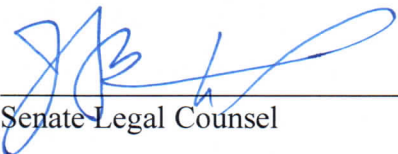
16 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without
17 such approval.

Prefiled:

Date: 1/25/22

Introduced By: 
Senator Teresita A. Santos

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:


Senate Legal Counsel