



Republika ng Pilipinas
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Lungsod Mandaluyong

ORDINANCE NO. 724, S-2019

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING QUEEN'S ROAD LOCATED AT THE BACK OF HIGHWAY HILLS INTEGRATED SCHOOL, IN BARANGAY HIGHWAY HILLS, THIS CITY, TO "ONG AI GUI STREET" IN RECOGNITION OF THE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LATE MR. ONG AI GUI IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, Mr. Ong Ai Gui, who was born on May 14, 1918, is a prominent *Fukien* Chinese and a textile magnate. During his teens, in the height of the Chinese Civil War in Fujian Province, Ong Ai Gui *alias* Tan Ai Gui left his homeland China to emigrate in the Philippines and find his fortune;

WHEREAS, in 1953, Mr. Ong Ai Gui with wife Mrs. Quieng Tee established the 20th Century Nylon Shirts Factory at 632 Shaw Boulevard, Barrio Highway Hills in Mandaluyong, Rizal. The company's brand "Golden Award" became one of the famous and popular brands of men's shirt and carried by major stores all over the country;

WHEREAS, in the early sixties, Mr. and Mrs. Ong Ai Gui established the Moon Palace Restaurant which became the most popular Chinese restaurant in the Province of Rizal having been located along Shaw Blvd., near EDSA-Crossing;

WHEREAS, over the years, the 20th Century Nylon Shirts Factory and the Moon Palace Restaurant have contributed in terms of labor and taxes and economic growth to the Municipal Government of Mandaluyong;

WHEREAS, reaching beyond business issues and promoting socio-civic services, Mr. Ong Ai Gui became an active member of various civic organizations like the Lions Club, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of which he was one of the founders and the Philippine Chamber of Commerce, Mandaluyong Chapter. On many occasions, his 20th Century Nylon Shirts Factory served as venue where relief goods were packed for distributions;

WHEREAS, on August 21, 1960, Matriarch Doña Setua T. Ong passed away. Mr. Ong Ai Gui, instead of building an ornate and expensive mausoleum to honor his mother, chose instead to erect in her loving memory a school to serve the impoverished school children of the Municipality of Mandaluyong;

WHEREAS, on November 17, 1960, Mr. Ong Ai Gui spearheaded the movement for a school building at the back of 20th Century Nylon Shirts Factory and the Moon Palace Restaurant in Barrio Highway Hills. He was successful in soliciting from Don Rafael T. Ortigas Jr., President of Ortigas & Co., Limited Partnership, the donation of 9,838 square meters of land to the Province of Rizal to be the sprawling site of the memorial school building in honor of his mother. Thus, the cornerstone of the school was laid with the attendance of Rizal Governor Isidro S. Rodriguez, Mandaluyong Municipal Mayor Bonifacio I. Javier, Vice Mayor Amado T. Reyes, Mandaluyong Municipal Councilors, Division Superintendent of Schools for the Province of Rizal Roman F. Lorenzo, and the Officers of Lions Club International;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ong Ai Gui supervised the day-to-day construction of The would-be Highway Hills Elementary School consisting of a main school building with six (6) classrooms, **one** (1) administration office, two (2) rest houses with toilets, one (1) home economics center, one (1) outdoor basketball court, one (1) outdoor stage and a playground. The projects cost around P180,000.00, for which Mr. Ong Ai Gui **donated initially** a check amounting to P50,000.00 and thereafter P10,000.00 for its **completion**. The provincial government of Rizal, in turn, released P50,000.00 while the municipal government of Mandaluyong released P50,000.00 as its counterpart. The Mandaluyong Lions Club, for its part, donated through its President, Ambrosio Cantada, the school's playground. The Mandaluyong Chamber of Commerce and Industry, through its President, Eugenio J. Puyat, donated the administrative and home economics equipment;

WHEREAS, **on** August 24, 1961, the school **was** finally completed and inaugurated by no less than the Philippine President Carlos P. Garcia's First Lady Mrs. Leonila D. Garcia, Speaker Daniel Z. Romualdez, Governor Isidro S. Rodriguez, Mayor Bonifacio I. Javier and Lions Club Governor Judge Antonio R. Quirino, brother of President Elpidio R. Quirino;

WHEREAS, in June 1962, Highway Hills Elementary School opened its doors to its premier 400 pupils that sooner grew into a thousand by the years benefiting children especially the poor and those who cannot afford the cost of education from private schools;

WHEREAS, in 1984, Patriarch **Mr.** Ong Ai Gui continued his noble support for the school for which another two-storey Ong Ai Gui school building and an outdoor stage were constructed to accommodate more students and benefit out of the generosity from a man who himself did not have the luxury of a full education;

WHEREAS, **on** January 4, 1995, the patriarch of the Ong family, Ong Ai Gui, passed away;

WHEREAS, on July 14, 2014, continuing the legacy of patriarch Ong Ai Gui, the Ong Ai Gui family donated a 5000-watts Solar Grid Panel System installed on the roof of one of the school buildings in Highway Hills Integrated School to honor their patriarch Mr. Ong Ai Gui. The solar system is projected to **save** the school about P115,000.00 pesos a year for electricity;

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2017, the Barangay Council of Highway Hills manifested its full support in the renaming of Queen's Road to Ong Ai Gui Street as contained in its approved Barangay Resolution No. 117, S-2017 entitled: A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD THE RENAMING OF QUEEN'S ROAD TO ONG AI GUI STREET;


WHEREAS, as a tribute of the People of Mandaluyong City to the gratefulness and deep appreciation to the unselfish display of community effort dedicated to the cause of common welfare exemplified during his lifetime, it is but proper and fitting to officially **rename** Queen's Road, a public City road adjoining Highway Hills Elementary School and the back of the residence of the Ong Ai Gui Family, be named after ONG AI GUI.

BE IT ENACTED by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, in session assembled, that:


- SECTION 1. Queen's Road located at the back of Highway Hills Integrated School, in Barangay Highway Hills, this City, shall be renamed as "ONG AI GUI Street" in recognition of the invaluable contribution of the late Mr. Ong Ai Gui, who, through his personal contribution and efforts, caused the construction and lot acquisition of Highway Hills Elementary School sometime on August 24, 1961;
- SECTION 2. The Office of the City Engineer is directed to cause the immediate installation of proper street signages marking the name Ong Ai Gui Street as a tangible edifice that will remind officialdom and the **Mandaleños** that there **was** once a *Fukien* Chinese naturalized with a Filipino heart by the name of Ong Ai Gui who had raised the civic mindedness and public education higher than anyone across his time;
- SECTION 3. Pursuant to Section 13 (h) of Republic Act No. 7160, let copies of this Ordinance be forwarded to the Office of the President, Office of the Congressional District **Representative**, the Philippine Postal Office and the National Historical Commission for their information and guidance;
- SECTION 4. *This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval and publication in a newspaper of local circulation within the City of Mandaluyong.*

ENACTED on this 16th day of January, 2019 in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS ENACTED AND APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MANDALUYONG IN A SPECIAL SESSION HELD ON THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.


MA. TERESA S. MIRANDA
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED BY:


ANTONIO DLS. SUVA
Vice Mayor &
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


CARMELITA A. ABALOS
City Mayor

Date: 25 JAN 2019

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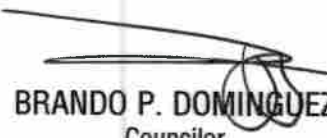
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