

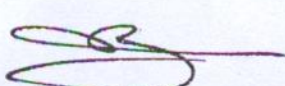

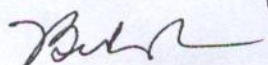
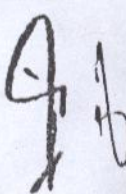
ORDINANCE NO. SP- 1698 , S-2006
(PO2006-119)

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING PAYATAS HIGH SCHOOL INTO
JUSTICE CECILIA MUÑOZ-PALMA HIGH SCHOOL.

*Introduced by Councilors RAMON P. MEDALLA,
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BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY, ELIZABETH A.
DELARMENTE, VICTOR V. FERRER, JR.,
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ABESAMIS, JOSEPH P. JUICO, JORGE B.
BANAL, JR., FRANZ S. PUMAREN,
WENCEROM BENEDICT C. LAGUMBAY,
DANTE M. DE GUZMAN, JULIAN M.L.
COSETENG, DIORELLA MARIA SOTTO-DE
LEON, EDCEL B. LAGMAN, JR., ALMA F.
MONTILLA, JANET M. MALAYA, RESTITUTO
B. MALAÑGEN, BAYANI V. HIPOL, XYRUS L.
LANOT and JUNIE MARIE L. CASTELO*

*WHEREAS, streets, boulevard, parks, playgrounds,
historical spots and other places are so named to signify and
perpetuate the nobility of personages or significance of
certain events;*

*WHEREAS, the scholastic record of Justice Cecilia
Muñoz Palma is worthy of emulation of young students
having been the high school valedictorian of St. Scholastica's
College in 1931, Bachelor of Laws of the University of the
Philippines in 1937, Passed the Bar Examination in 1937 as
First Placer with the highest grade of 92.6%, Master of Laws
of the University of Manila in 1947, Grantee of Scholarship of
Graduate Studies from the American Association of
University Women from 1953 to 1954, Master of Laws of
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA in 1954;*

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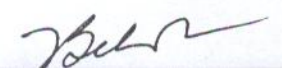
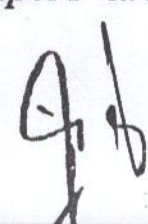
WHEREAS, Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma was conferred Honoris Causa "Doctor of Laws" by six (6) Universities, namely: Centro Escolar University, March 23, 1974; Angeles University, March 19, 1977; Ewha Women's University, Seoul, Korea, August 28, 1976; University of the East, September 30, 1978; Philippine Women's University, March 1987; University of the Philippines, April 2, 1989; and "Doctor in Humane Letters" by the Ateneo de Manila University, March 31, 1979; De La Salle University, January 24, 1987; and St. Louie University, Baguio City in March 1998;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Cecilia Muñoz Palma was an exemplar of public service to the country and to the people, having served to a heroic degree the Republic of the Philippines for much of her life;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Cecilia Muñoz Palma broke all traditions in the field of law when she became the first woman prosecutor (1947-1954), the first woman Judge of the Court of First Instance (now known as the Regional Trial Court, 1954-1968), the second woman Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals (1968-1973) and the first woman Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of the Philippines (1973-1978);

WHEREAS, as a staunch advocate of the rule of law, Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma showed the highest moral courage when she dissented from the majority decisions of the Supreme Court in Martial Law Cases, giving life to the quote of St. Thomas More, "I am the Kings' Good Servant but God's First".

WHEREAS, during the dark days of Martial Law, the revered former Supreme Court Associate Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma stood out as the gallant voice in and out of the courts who dared to challenge and criticize the Marcos regime's disregard of constitutional principles and rampant violation of human rights;



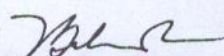
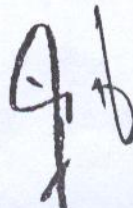

WHEREAS, after her retirement from the Supreme Court in 1978, she was active in the "Parliament of the Streets" advocating the lifting of martial law and the return of a Constitutional government and, in 1984 was elected to the Batasan Pambansa representing Quezon City under her battle-cry "One Marcos cannot stop us all";

WHEREAS, Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma was instrumental in uniting the opposition in 1985 for the presidential elections in 1986 and in dismantling the dictatorship and military rule, culminating in the ouster of the dictator and the installation of the Honorable Corazon C. Aquino as President, her role so aptly described by Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J. as "Justice Palma is a precursor, the John the Baptist of the Cory Aquino Administration";

WHEREAS, the Honorable Cecilia Muñoz Palma was elected President of the Constitutional Commission of 1986 and has earned the accolade of her colleagues in the Constitutional Commission for her independence, integrity and courage in the course of drafting the fundamental law of the land, now known as the 1987 Constitution;

WHEREAS, at the ripe age of 86 she accepted the appointment of President Joseph E. Estrada to serve as Chairman and General Manager of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) for a year, endearing herself to the hundreds who benefited from the humanitarian program of the PCSO;

WHEREAS, Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma has received hundreds of awards in recognition of her unflinching fight for truth and justice and dedication of her career to God, country and fellowmen, and was accorded the well-deserved honor of being awarded "A WOMAN WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE" by the International Women's Federation joining other world leaders in its roster like former President Corazon C. Aquino, former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, former United Nations High Commissioner for Human rights and Irish President Mary Robinson and Washington Post Publisher, Katherine Graham;



WHEREAS, the moral courage and strong legal conviction of Justice Cecilia Muñoz Palma has earned her the respect not only of the Filipino people but the world community and thus serve as a beacon of light to all the people thirsting for truth, justice, freedom and the rule of law.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting to recognize Justice Cecilia Muñoz-Palma, for remaining firm on her convictions to the last, and she should be remembered as a model of independence, integrity, industry and intelligence;

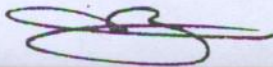
WHEREAS, the changing of the name of Payatas High School in honor of Justice Cecilia Muñoz - Palma is appropriate to perpetuate the memory of this great Filipino, a champion who had upheld the cause of justice and truth.

NOW, THEREFORE,

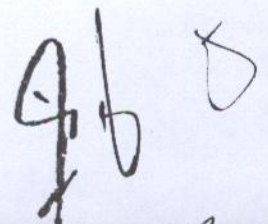
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. Payatas High School in Quezon City is hereby renamed to Justice CECILIA MUÑOZ-PALMA HIGH SCHOOL, in fitting tribute to a woman of honor and valor worthy of our collective respect and admiration - then, now and hence.

SECTION 2. The Secretary to the Sanggunian shall furnish a copy of this ordinance to the Office of the President, Division of City Schools, and Department of Education for their information and appropriate action.

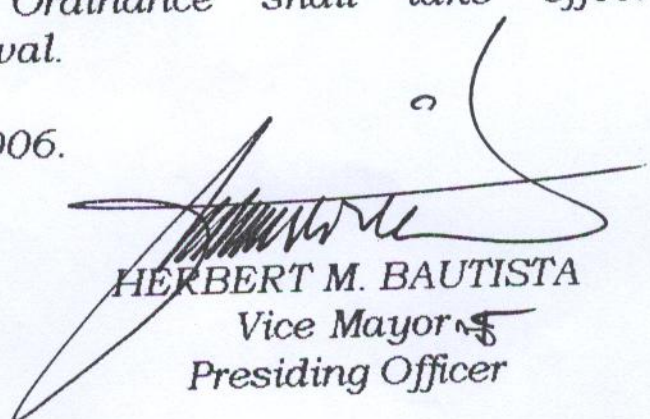


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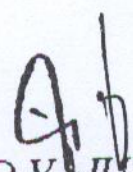


SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

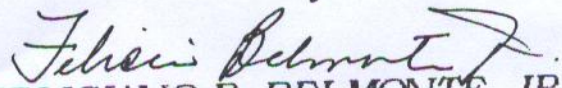
ENACTED: July 17, 2006.


HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

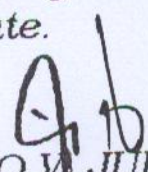

EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary

APPROVED: July 26, 2006


FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading on July 17, 2006, was finally PASSED on Third/Final Reading by the City Council, under Suspended Rules on the same date.


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Secretary