

58th Regular Session

ORDINANCE NO. SP1233, 3-2003

AN ORDINANCE NAMING NOVALICHES HEALTH CENTER IN NOVALICHES QUEZON CITY TO ARSENIA DE JESUS MAXIMO HEALTH CENTER.

Introduced by Councilors JUNIE MARIE L. CASTELO, VOLTAIRE GODOFREDO L. LIBAN III, AIKO MELENDEZ-YLLANA, RAMON P. MEDALLA, ALLAN BUTCH T. FRANCISCO, ERIC MEDINA, MARY ANN L. SUSANO, WILMA AMORANTO-SARINO, VINCENT CRISOLOGO, VICTOR V. FERRER, ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, BERNADETTE HERRERA-DY, ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS, JORGE L. BANAL, JULIAN M.L. COSETENG, FRANZ S. PUMAREN, WENCEROM BENEDICT LAGUMBAY, DIORELLA MARIA SOTTO-DE LEON, DANTE M. DE GUZMAN, JESUS MANUEL C. SUNTAY, ALMA F. MONTILLA, ANTONIO E. INTON, JR., JANET M. MALAYA, RICARDO R. DEL ROSARIO, RESTITUTO B. MALAÑGEN.and XYRUS L. LANOT.

WHEREAS, the birth anniversary of the generous Grand Lady of Novaliches, Arsenia de Jesus Maximo, "Ka Seniang" as she was fondly called by her intimate friends and legions of grateful admirers, will be celebrated on December 14,2002;

WHEREAS, said Arsenia de Jesus Maximo was born in Novaliches, Quezon City, on December 14, 1900 and died on November 14, 2002, living a life span of over 101 years in Novaliches where she has continuously lived;

WHEREAS, she was a gift of God to the people of Novaliches, Quezon City, who left its indelible mark on the community by her untiring efforts to promote the general welfare and well being of its people in various capacities: as educator, model teacher, philanthropist, social worker, church lay leader and Quezon City Councilor;

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WHEREAS, through her tenacious resolve and determined efforts, she was responsible in the establishment of the first Health Center in Quezon City, now called the NOVALICHES HEALTH CENTER, by then relentlessly engaging the support of then Senate President Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez, and persistently convincing the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes to help finance the construction thereof, doing untiringly and repeatedly, rain or shine, until she had succeeded;

WHEREAS, she was also responsible in the establishment of the Novaliches High School, the construction of a Public Library and Home Economics building, repair and asphalting of roads leading to school sites and putting up street lights, and was active in various social and humanitarian services which had improved the lives of many poor families;

WHEREAS, by reason of her unselfish dedication and commitment to the service of mankind in various capacities, she was elected to head various socio-civic organizations, such as President for ten (10) consecutive years of the Novaliches Ladies Association and President of the Catholic Women's League and adviser of the Federation of Women's Civic Organization of Quezon City and was the recipient of multiple awards and recognitions, among others, as Model Teacher, Outstanding Mother of the Year (1985), Outstanding Social Services Achiever (1990) and a Certificate of Appreciation from former President Ferdinand E. Marcos;

WHEREAS, as a gesture of gratitude and recognition for her concern and dedicated services to the people of Novaliches, there is a strong desire to perpetuate her name and memory by changing the name of the Novaliches Health Center in Quezon City to Arsenia de Jesus Maximo Health Center;

WHEREAS, the National Historical Institute (NHI) interposed no objection to the proposal that the health center be named after Arsenia de Jesus Maximo. Likewise, the Quezon City Health Department, as well as the Novaliches Foundation, Inc., interpose no objection.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. The Novaliches Health Center is hereby named ARSENIO DE JESUS MAXIMO Health Center.

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SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: February 18, 2003

ORGE L. BANAL City Councilor Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

EUGENIO V JURILLA
City Council Secretary

APPROVED: Mark or, mo ?

FELICIANO R. BELMONTE, JR.
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance which was APPROVED on Second Reading under Suspended Rules on February 18, 2003, was finally PASSED on Third Reading by the City Council on March 4, 2003.

EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary