

(H.B. 1699)

(No. 78)

(Approved August 25, 2005)

AN ACT

To direct the Public Buildings and Highways Commission of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to name the new South Detour of the Municipality of Peñuelas after Angel Miguel Candelario Arce; and for other purposes.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Angel Miguel Candelario Arce was born in the Municipality of Peñuelas on July 11, 1908. His childhood was happily spent in the *Barrio Quebrada Ceiba* of that Municipality. He had the opportunity of attending the Escuela Ponce High of that city during his high school years.

He began his working life at a very early age as a cobbler. This eventually allowed him to acquire ownership of a shoemaker's shop. He was a renowned labor leader who distinguished himself for defending the rights of the sugarcane field workers of the southern area of Puerto Rico.

In 1943 he held the office of Director of the Department of Labor of the Municipality of Ponce and five years later he was elected to the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico. Angel Miguel Candelario Arce had the privilege of being one of the group of illustrious men and women who signed the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in 1952. An achievement of his of great relevance was to succeed in having the

Municipality of Peñuelas become part of the Senatorial District of the Municipality of Ponce.

After his term of office at the House of Representatives, *don* Angel Miguel became Mayor of the Municipality of Peñuelas, an office he held until the year 1968. It must be emphasized that this illustrious Puerto Rican was part of the “Great Generation” together with *don* Luis Muñoz Marín and *don* Ernesto Ramos Antonini, among others.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.-The Public Buildings and Highways Naming Commission of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is hereby directed to name the new South Detour of the Municipality of Peñuelas after Angel Miguel Candelario Arce.

Section 2.-Once this Act has been approved, the Department of State shall notify the Public Buildings and Highways Naming Commission of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico so it may conduct the pertinent administrative procedures.

Section 3.-The Public Buildings and Highways Naming Commission of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico shall take the measures needed to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Act without being subject to the provisions of Act No. 99 of June 22, 1961, as amended.

Section 4.-This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following Act No. 78 (H.B. 1699) of the 1st Session of the 15th Legislature of Puerto Rico:

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has been translated from Spanish to English and that the English version is correct.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, today 20th of January of 2006.

Francisco J. Domenech
Director