

(H. B. 1535)

(No. 37)

(Approved January 24, 2006)

AN ACT

To petition the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Public Buildings and Roads Naming Commission to study the possibility of naming the *Parque de Bombas de Boquerón* (firehouse), located in the *poblado* of Boquerón in Cabo Rojo as “Parque de Bombas Oscar Morales Padilla.”

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

On April 8, 1984, the poblado of Boquerón suffered great losses as a result of a great fire which destroyed dwellings and caused the death of elderly Leocadio Montalvo Padilla. At that time, the town of Boquerón did not have a Parque de Bombas to address the needs of its people. This awoke the ambition of Mr. Oscar Morales Padilla to get a Parque de Bombas for the town.

Oscar Morales Padilla was born on April 17, 1914, the third child of a family of nine brothers. His parents, Mr. Antonio Morales and Mrs. Tomasa Padilla gave their son the best education possible within the economic and social problems of those times. In search of a better quality of life, Mr. Morales Padilla went to the United States where he stayed from 1936 to 1944, when he returned to the Island. In 1945, he married María A. Aymat Pagán with whom he sired four sons: Oscar, Jorge and Wilmer Morales Aymat.

Since his arrival to Puerto Rico, Morales Padilla began his struggle for the improvement of his beloved town of Boquerón. Among his most

significant achievements are the construction of the aqueduct in 1955; the construction of the Monserrate León Irizarry High School in 1994 and the Parque de Bombas of Boquerón. He was also a member of the Boquerón Parent Teachers Association, Commodore of the Club Náutico de Boquerón and of the Committee for the Improvement of Boquerón, among others.

Oscar Morales Padilla died on October 7, 2004, leaving behind an indelible mark in the history of the town of Boquerón. His work has transcended by his touching of the hearts of the most needy persons of the town, who hoped for a better tomorrow with the help of the friendly hand of this great human being.

Today the *poblado* of Boquerón has its own Parque de Bombas, thanks to the steps taken by *Don* Oscar Morales Padilla. For all the stated above, the designation of the Parque de Bombas as the Oscar Morales Padilla Parque de Bombas, is a recognition and homage of gratitude, appreciation and admiration to the laudable work and dedication of this great Puerto Rican.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.- The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Public Buildings and Roads Naming Commission is hereby petitioned to study the possibility of naming the *Parque de Bombas de Boquerón* (firehouse), located in the *poblado* of Boquerón in Cabo Rojo as “Parque de Bombas Oscar Morales Padilla.”

Section 2.- The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Public Buildings and Roads Naming Commission shall conduct the study indicated in Section 1 of this Act and shall not take into consideration the requirement that the person must have been dead for three years. However, if said study is affirmative, the designation shall be made not before October 7, 2007.

Section 3.- This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following Act No. 37 (H.B. 1535) of the 3rd 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 5th of June of 2006.

Francisco J. Domenech
Director