ORDINANCE NO. 2011-005

AN ORDINANCE OFFICIALLY NAMING TABUCO BRIDGE AS "PUENTE DE CLAVERIA", ADOPTING ITS ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES:-

Sponsor: Hon. David Casper Nathan A. Sergio

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Per archival research made by Historian Danilo Madrid Gerona, "Puente de Claveria" was proposed to name the bridge (now unofficially called Tabuco Bridge) that connect the old Ciudad de Nueva Caceres and the Pueblo de Tabuco located across the Naga River. The proposal came from the city residents themselves at that time, to honor then Governor General Narciso Claveria y Zaldua who served the Philippines from July 16, 1844 until December 26, 1849. To this end, an architectural design for Puente de Claveria was prepared by the Spaniards living in Ciudad de Nueva Caceres.

Most of us today owe our surnames to Governor General Claveria, whose term was known for adopting Spanish surnames among the natives. On November 11, 1849, Governor Claveria issued a decree to that effect, and distributed all over the country a book of surnames called "Catalogo Alfabeto de Apellidos" from where the natives could select their surnames.

Naming the bridge Puente de Claveria and adopting its architectural design is in line with our thrust to promote Naga City history, our people's culture and art, for purposes of tourism and economic development.

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, that:

SECTION 1. The Tabuco Bridge that presently connects the Central Business District-One and Barangay Tabuco across the Naga River in the City of Naga is hereby officially nmed as PUENTE DE CLAVERIA, in honor of Governor General Narciso Claveria y Zaldua, who was known for adapting Spanish surnames for the Filipinos.

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- **SECTION 2.** For historical effect, the original architectural design of Puente de Claveria herein attached and made an integral part o this Ordinance, is hereby officially adopted in recognition of the artistic ability by the residents of the old Ciudad de Nueva Caceres.
- **SECTION 3.** The Department of Public Works and Highways shall be made aware of this Ordinance and shall be enjoined to recognize the bridge's official name herein decreed and to consider/observe the architectural design herein adopted, in its future repair, improvement and/or reconstruction of Puente de Claveria.
- SECTION 4. The City Planning and Development Office and/or the City Engineer's Office, in consultation with the SP Committee on History, Culture and the Arts and concerned government agencies, shall prepare program of works for the immediate adoption/implementation of the architectural design of Puente de Claveria, subject to the final approval by the City Mayor.
- **SECTION 5.** An appropriate marker shall be installed at the Puente de Claveria. Its location, design, material and textual content shall have prior approval from the Sangguniang Panlungsod.
- **SECTION 6.** Ordinances, orders or similar documents or parts thereof inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended and/or modified accordingly.
- **SECTION 7.** This Ordinances shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: February 1, 2011.

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 $\ensuremath{\mathbf{WE}}$ $\ensuremath{\mathbf{HEREBY}}$ $\ensuremath{\mathbf{CERTIFY}}$ to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

GIL A. DE LA TORRE

Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

GABRIEL H. BORDADO, JR.

City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

JOHN G. BONGAT
City Mayor