ORDINANCE NO. 2011-006

AN ORDINANCE CREATING AT THE RAUL S. ROCO LIBRARY A SPECIAL SECTION EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE LITERARY WORKS OF THE LATE BIENVENIDO NUQUI SANTOS, ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN FILIPINO WRITERS IN ENGLISH:

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Rationale

March 22, 2011 marks the 100th birth anniversary of the late Bienvenido Nuqui Santos. A pride of Naga City, BN Santos is one of the best known Filipino writers in English. Until now, even after his death on January 7, 1996, he remains to be an inspiration for budding literary writers in the Bicol Region and beyond.

Truly a literary giant, BN Santos wrote five novels, five short story collections, two books of poetry, two autobiographical books and two volumes of letters. Less known to most Nagueños today, BN Santos wrote the lyrics of the City of Naga's official hymn Heart of Bikol during the term of then Mayor Vicente Sibulo.

Aside from the scholarship and fellowship grants and the honorary doctorate degrees conferred on him by various prestigious universities here and abroad, BN Santos also received accolades and recognitions, notably: the Philippine Republic Cultural Heritage Award for Literature in 1965; the Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards in 1956, 1961 and 1965; and the American Book Award in 1980 for his Scent of Apples.

In commemoration of his immense contribution to the literary world, the City of Naga, where BN Santos taught at the University of Nueva Caceres from 1962 to 1969 and was the Dean of Liberal Arts Department, can do no less by giving BN Santos singular honor — albeit posthumously —— by way of establishing at the Raul S. Roco Library a Special Section dedicated for his literary works, which shall be permanent in nature.

With the present administration's thrust on Culture and the Arts, coupled by the increasing literary harvests produced by local writers nowadays, there is no more opportune time to honor the late Bienvenido Nuqui Santos as now.

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Naga City is not just a leading laboratory for exemplary local governance; it is also a veritable, fertile ground for literary writers.

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

SECTION 1. Creation. There is hereby created at the Raul S. Roco Library a Special Section exclusively for the literary works of the late Bienvenido Nuqui Santos.

SECTION 2. Designation of Separate Section. A separate section shall be dedicated permanently to the aforesaid literary works to be called "BN Santos Special Collection". The shelf or shelves for this section shall be situated in such a way that the collection of literary works is conspicuously displayed and readily accessible to the public, but safely guarded.

SECTION 3. Responsibility of City Librarian. The City Librarian shall have the sole and primary responsibility to implement this Ordinance immediately. Towards this end, he/she shall cause to collect the complete literary works of the late BN Santos by way of donation, purchase, or on loan basis. Furthermore, he/she shall do such other things to make the "BN Santos Special Collection" attractive to the reading public.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

ENACTED: February 1, 2011

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We hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

GIL A. DE LA TORRE
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungod

GABRIEL H. BORDADO, JR.

City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer APPROVED:

JOHN G. BONGAT City Mayor