Republic of the Philippines
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
City Government of Naga

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-094
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AN ORDINANCE NAMING THE UNNAMED STREET FROM THE CORNER OF JESSE M. ROBREDO COLISEUM-NINOY CORY AVENUE UP TO CORNER KAYANGA STREET, NAGA CITY SUBDIVISION AS CRESCENCIANA ANCIANO STREET, A FORMER WW II WOMAN GUERILLA LEADER AND PEACE TIME LOCAL PRODUCTS ENTERPRENEUR:-

Sponsored by: Hon. Jose B. Perez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

IN TIMES OF PEACE AND WAR, Nagueña Crescenciana Anciano was an outstanding woman.

In the war against the Japanese DURING World War II, she was the designated commander of the Daughters of Tandang Sora (DOTS), which was the Women's Auxiliary Service of the famous guerilla unit of then Major Juan Q. Miranda, who would soon become a congressman after the Liberation and eventually authored R.A. 305 that established Naga as a chartered city.

Miranda, together with Elias Madrid and Leon SA. Aureus, founded on March 8, 1942 the first anti-Japanese resistance group in Camarines Sur, the Tangcong Vaca Guerilla Unit, which resolutely waged a guerilla warfare during the entire length of the Japanese occupation of the Philippines. The guerilla armed group, in concert with other guerilla forces, was able to liberate the town of Naga (now Naga City) twice and successfully saved many lives of American and Filipino soldiers incarcerated by the Japanese during World War II.

Lt. Anciano, or Kumander Cres, was in-charge of the women semi-military unit since the DOTS was founded on June 16, 1943 until the liberation of Naga on April 13, 1945. The women guerillas were involved in intelligence gathering, medical and first aid assistance to wounded guerillas, and as camp orderlies.

Their more risky tasks involved observation and reports on enemy strength and disposition. For her meritorious service in the resistance movement, she was awarded on January 5, 1968 a medal in the Women's Auxiliary Service. She also received the Asiatic-Pacific Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Leon Sa. Aureus Award from the TVGU.

After the war, she became the first woman Certified Public Accountant in Camarines Sur and wore many other hats as teacher, philanthropist, and organizer of fishermen's cooperatives for more profitable ventures. She also became the first head of the College of Commerce of the then Colegio de Sta. Isabel and taught accounting at the Ateneo de Naga.

Soon, Miss Anciano's name became even more popular all over Bicol and perhaps in other parts of the country for her pioneering the local pili nut candy-making industry. Her pili business virtually became a monopoly in the province that she complained about not being able to fully cope with the increasing demand for the indigenous Bicol nut.

As a devotee of the Blessed Virgin of Penafrancia, she initiated the annual visit of the Virgin Mother's miraculous image to the Naga City Public Market (where she had a store for her pili nut delicacies) where mass baptisms and confirmations were also held. She is also being credited for sponsoring the Human Settlements and BLISS projects for the benefit of her fellow residents in Barangay Calauag, Naga City.

She died peacefully on March 14, 2003 at the age of 81.

For the remarkable role that this humble and yet courageous and talented Nagueña played in both times of war and eventually after the liberation of the city she loved, a street to be named in her honor will be our humble yet fitting gesture of public emulation that she deserves.

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Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Naga, in session duly assembled:

SECTION 1. CRESCENCIANA ANCIANO STREET. The unnamed street from the corner of Jesse M. Robredo Coliseum - Ninoy Cory Avenue up to corner of Kayanga Street, Naga City Subdivision is hereby officially named as Crescenciana Anciano Street.

SECTION 3. REPEALING CLAUSE. All rules and regulations, executive issuances and other public documents which are inconsistent, or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted: November 22, 2022

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

GIL A. DE LA TORRE
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

JESSIE R. ALBEUS
City Councilor
& Acting Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

NELSON S. LEGACION
City Mayor 11-29-22