

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SEVENTH MUNICIPAL BOARD OF ORMOC CITY, PHILIPPINES, HELD
AT THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL BUILDING OF BARRIO BOROC
ON MARCH 2, 1972

PRESENT:

Hon. Jesus B. Lladoc, Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Jose C. Aviles, Floor Leader
Hon. Juanito T. Kangleon, City Councilor
Hon. Cristobal S. Mendola, City Councilor
Hon. Bruno T. Marquez, Jr., City Councilor
Hon. Eduardo P. Tan, City Councilor
Hon. Albino P. Porcadilla, City Councilor
Hon. Rafael M. Mejia, City Councilor
ABSENT (on official business in Manila):
Hon. Cesar S. Samson, City Councilor

RESOLUTION NO. 35

"WHEREAS, some one hundred and thirty-one residents of the city in a joint petition dated February 20, 1972, have requested that the north diversion (by-pass) road be named 'Catalino G. Hermosilla, Sr. Drive' in honor and memory of the great educator, debater, public servant, arbitrator, leader and statesman who spent the valuable years of his life in the service of his fellow-men, his constituents, his community and, above all, his country next to God;

"WHEREAS, 'Cata', as he was very prominently known, has etched an exemplary record of public services, most notably in the fields of education and politics in war and peace, scaling the ranks from a humble public school teacher, then the first principal-teacher of the Ormoc Institute (formerly Western Leyte Academy founded by Mr. Warner Barnes and Mrs. Feliza Zamora-Mejia) in 1916, then director of the same institution (1917-1927), principal-teacher of the intermediate department while holding the highest position of 'Supremo' of the 'Legionarios del Trabajo' (1926-1929), and then principal-teacher of the Ormoc Institute of both high school and intermediate departments, Municipal Councilor (1930-1933), Municipal Vice-President (1922-1929), Municipal Vice-Mayor (1934-1937), Manager of Club Filipino (now Magellan Hotel) from 1938 to 1940, and lastly, Municipal Mayor from 1941 to 1943;

"WHEREAS, Honorable Catalino G. Hermosilla, Sr., has imbibed the spirit of politics in its real sense and meaning as a contemporary of good government and not as an affair viewed as a profession, an interest or aggrandizement so much so that, as an elected official of the Municipality of Ormoc in various capacities, he esteemed partisan politics as a thing to be considered only in times of election campaigns and, therefore, once elected he buckled down to work conscious of his sworn duties and responsibilities not just for the political party that backed him up but for all and sundry, and bearing always and ever in mind the general progress and prosperity of Ormoc as his primordial concern;

"WHEREAS, Mayor Hermosilla was responsible for the many public works projects even during the first year of his term of office, a glaring example of which was the asphaltting of almost all the town streets, not to mention the huge improvement of the public market, and incidentally, this by-pass road was originally planned and started during his incumbency, according to the petitioners, as a matter of fact, stones paving this proposed road then

were found during the present construction of the same;

"WHEREAS, at the pinnacle of his public career, Mayor Hermosilla was confronted with the biggest and rarest challenge of his life when scarcely could he proceed with the prosecution of the various programs of the municipal government under his able management, the Second World War broke out, and in the second year of his term Ormoc found itself under the yoke of the Imperial Japanese Forces for which his administration was characterized by turmoil inherent in an enemy-occupied town, but, nevertheless, had it not been for his judicious tact and diplomacy, coddling his brother Filipinos in the underground movement and playing the ball with the foreign invaders, Ormoc could have become a bloody arena with innocent civilians at the losing end of the crossfires, thanks to his magnanimous persuasion, our underground brothers dispensed with their scheme to recapture the town by storm;

"WHEREAS, Cata Hermosilla in retirement was more than ever devoted to God Whom he communicated every day during holy mass and, ever energetic to foster the upbringing of Christian students, he became instrumental in the construction of a temporary school building of St. Peter's Academy (now St. Peter's College) after the Liberation, so that Mrs. Feliza Zamora-Mejia, his contemporary in the field of education, has this to say, 'Mr. Hermosilla was, above all, a devout Catholic, one of the best teachers Ormoc ever had, an honest citizen of unquestionable social standing, a disciplinarian without vice, who can even be compared to Rizal';

"WHEREAS, as an appropriate tribute to the memory of the man who contributed much to our political maturity, to the man who served his people above himself, for which he was in return profoundly respected and admired, it is but fitting and proper that a city road or drive be named after the late Mayor Catalino G. Hermosilla, Sr., that would serve as a tardy wreath of dried leaves over his tomb, as manifested by the city residents;

"NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Mendola, seconded by Councilor Marquez;

"RESOLVED, to adopt:

ORDINANCE NO. 3

AN ORDINANCE NAMING THE NORTH DIVERSION (BY-PASS) ROAD IN THE CITY OF ORMOC "CATALINO G. HERMOSILLA, SR. DRIVE"

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Municipal Board of Ormoc City, That:

SECTION 1. The north diversion (by-pass) road in the City of Ormoc is hereby named "Catalino G. Hermosilla, Sr. Drive".

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ENACTED, March 2, 1972.

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"RESOLVED, FURTHER, to request the Office of the City Engineer to prepare and immediately post the proper road name signs for purposes of this resolution-ordinance; and

"RESOLVED, FINALLY, to furnish a copy of this resolution-ordinance each to the Commissioner of Public Highways, Manila; the City Engineer, the City Postmaster, all other heads of Departments, Offices or Bureaus, and residents of 'Catalino G. Hermosilla, Sr. Drive', Ormoc City;

"CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY."

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution-ordinance.

Laureano Suan
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Secretary

ATTESTED:

Jesus B. Labrador
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Vice-Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

Inaki A. Larrizabal
INAKI A. LARRIZABAL
City Mayor

ATTESTED AS APPROVED:

Teotimo P. Ocubillo
TEOTIMO P. OCUBILLO
Secretary to the City Mayor