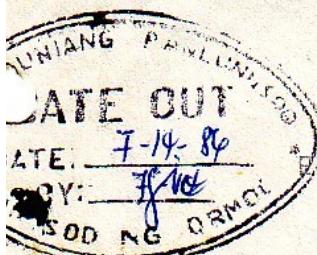


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SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD NG ORMOC HELD AT ITS SESSION HALL
ON JULY 9, 1986

PRESENT:

Hon. Benjamin B. Lladoc, DIC, Office of the Vice-Mayor & DATE: 7-14-86
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Hon. Gregorio A. Yrastorza, Jr.,
Hon. Antero T. Fiel,
Hon. Vicente V. Redona,
Hon. Rodolfo L. Rivilla, Jr.,
Hon. Arnulfo C. Salazar,
Hon. Laureano J. Suan,
Hon. Antonio Q. Sumaliag,
Hon. Avelina D. Subingsubing,
Hon. Romeo M. Hermosilla, ABC President,

Kagawad, PUNGSOC Leader
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ABSENT:

Hon. Ma. Emily C. Codilla, FKB President, (on leave)

Kagawad

RESOLUTION NO. 38

Presented for consideration in the renaming of "Sta. Cruz Street",
of Barangay Can-adieng, Ormoc City, is the following biography

DR. WENCESLAO SABINO PONGOS

On September 28, 1884 Dr. Wenceslao Pongos fondly known as "Oben" was born in Barrio Can-adieng, Ormoc, Leyte. His parents were Sixto Pongos and Romualda Sabino. He took his elementary education, High School and Preparatory Medicine course at the Colegio De San Carlos, Cebu City. Dr. Pongos finished his Doctorate of Medicine at the University of Sto. Tomas, Manila on April 6, 1916.

After becoming a licensed Doctor of Medicine, he was appointed as the Sanitary Division President for the area covering the towns of Inopacan, Hindang, Hilongos, Bato, Matalom and Maasin. Later he was appointed Sanitary Division President of the towns of Palompon, Villaba, San Isidro with station at Palompon, Leyte.

Due to his desire to be with his growing children of school age, Dr. Pongos left the government service and stayed in Ormoc, Leyte. Together with his younger brother Agapito Pongos Sr., they engaged in an agricultural partnership of planting sugarcane and the brothers became one of the forerunners of the sugar industry in Ormoc City. He entered politics where he was elected Municipal Councilor for several times. At the outbreak of the global war, he was an incumbent Municipal Councilor of Ormoc, Leyte. As a Municipal Councilor, he authored the Municipal Ordinance which was left unacted.

During the war, Dr. Pongos joined the Guerrillas and was the Regimental Surgeon of the Western Leyte Guerrilla warfare forces stationed at Merida, Leyte. Immediately after the American Liberation, he was employed as one of the civilian doctors with the 7th Division of the American Liberation Forces at Barrio Benolho, Albuera, Leyte.

When the Civil Government was established, President Sergio Osmeña, Sr. appointed him Municipal Mayor, he pursued his determination to convert Ormoc town into a City. By this, he became unpopular even with his landowner-proprietary friends who were against probable increased taxes. However, said friends realized the benefits and later appreciated the ordinance. He was offered to be the first City Mayor provided that he became a member of the Liberal Party. Being a dyed-in-the wool Nationalista, he rejected the offer.

A native of Barrio Can-adieng to whom he found love and support and in a philanthropic spirit, Dr. Pongos donated parcels of land for the Barrio schoolsite of which a portion of the Barangay Can-adieng Community School stands.

During his later years, Dr. Pongos dedicated to farming and served the sugar industry in Ormoc City. He became President of the Ormoc Sugarcane Planters Association for several occasions before and after the war. He dedicated most of his time to bring about the development of the sugar industry in Ormoc City.

Dr. Wenceslao Pongos was married to the former Angelita Torres of Ormoc, Leyte. From their union, they begot 8 children, six alive and two dead. The children finished education and are successful in their fields of endeavors.

The eldest is Rosario P. Cazar, an American retiree residing at Honolulu, Hawaii who is married to William Cazar also a retired member of the US Air Force. The second child is Pura P. Larrazabal, a BSC graduate and married to Ex-Mayor Inaki Larrazabal, Sr. who served as Ormoc City Mayor for some 20 years. The third is Nicolas Pongos (deceased), a licensed Mechanical Engineer who at the time of his death was Shop Superintendent of the Public Highways of Ormoc City and married to Natalia Cabatana, a BSC graduate. The forth is Benjamin T. Pongos, a retired Regional Trial Court Judge and a Councilor for two terms who is married to Regina Sainz, an Associate of Commercial Science graduate. The fifth is Sixto T. Pongos, a BSC graduate, presently member of the 3rd Sangguniang Panlungsod of Ormoc City and married to Fe Alo, a BSE graduate. The sixth is Augusto T. Pongos, a BSC graduate and married to Presentacion Catalya, another BSC graduate. The seventh is Nieves P. Farrales, a BSC graduate, a PNB retiree married to Antonio Farrales, another BSC graduate also a DBP retiree. The eighth is Angelito T. Pongos died during infancy.

WHEREAS, as a fitting tribute to the man who has spent the best years of his life in service to humanity and later as a politician he was elected as Municipal Councilor of the Municipality of Ormoc for two terms and appointed Municipal Mayor of same town by the late President Sergio Osmeña, Sr., a philanthropic spirit, Dr. Pongos donated parcels of land for the Barrio school site of which a portion of the Barangay Can-adieng Community School stands, therefore it is imperative to preserve his name and honor "Sta. Cruz Street" of Barangay Can-adieng, in the City of Ormoc, be renamed after him;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Kagawad Antero Fiel, unanimously seconded; be it

"RESOLVED, to adopt:

ORDINANCE NO. 4

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING STA. CRUZ STREET IN BARANGAY CAN-ADIENG IN
ORMOC CITY "DR. WENCESLAO SABINO PONGOS STREET"

BE IT ENACTED, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod ng Ormoc, That:

SECTION 1. Renaming of Sta. Cruz Street. - Sta. Cruz Street of Barangay Can-adieng, in the City of Ormoc, is hereby renamed "Dr. Wenceslao Sabino Pongos Street".

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

ENACTED, July 9, 1986.

"RESOLVED, FURTHER, to furnish a copy of this resolution-ordinance each to Mr. & Mrs. William Cazar; Honolulu, Hawaii; Mrs. Pura P. Larrazabal; Mrs. Natalya C. Pongos; Judge & Mrs. Benjamin T. Pongos; Mr. & Mrs. Sixto T. Pongos; Mr. & Mrs. Agusto T. Pongos; Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Farrales; Cdt. Nicolas Pongos, Jr., Philippine Military Academy, Bagiuo City; His Honor The City Mayor; the Bureau of Posts; the City Engineer; and the General Public; all in Ormoc City;

"CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY."

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



ATTESTED,

BENJAMIN B. LLADOC
D/C, Office of the Vice-Mayor
& Presiding Officer

EMMANUEL ANTHONY C. SABELINO
Secretary

APPROVED:

EMETERIO V. LARRAZABAL
D/C, City Mayor's Office

ATTESTED AS APPROVED:

CELESTINO V. LARRAZABAL
Secretary to the Mayor