

(H. B. 2184)

(No. 10-2016)

(Approved February 26, 2016)

AN ACT

To designate State Road PR-251 in the Municipality of Culebra as Hermanos Ávila-Esperanza Avenue; and for other related purposes.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

All Puerto Ricans should feel proud of the men and women in the Armed Forces, who risk their lives to defend the ideals of freedom and democracy around the world. They are an example of patriotism and a desire to serve for the welfare and peace of mind of our citizens.

No one can deny the sacrifice and commitment that leaving behind a family and good times with friends and relatives entail. However, the feeling of having performed one's duty upon returning from the warfront or after military service is proof that all that was necessary to guarantee peace and quiet for everyone has been done.

The Ávila Brothers were one such example: six (6) brothers who served almost simultaneously in two different armed conflicts. Pedro, Norberto, and Justino served in the Korean War, while Andrés, Guillermo, and Tomás served in Vietnam.

It is the duty of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to recognize the patriotic acts of these brothers who, with bravery and sacrifice, joined the United States Armed Forces and defended the postulates of freedom and democracy that serve as pillars of our government system.

In light of the foregoing, we deem it necessary to pay homage to the Ávila-Esperanza Brothers by designating State Road PR-251 in the Municipality of Culebra as the Hermanos Ávila-Esperanza Avenue, so that future generations may know of the heroic acts performed by these Culebra natives.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1. – State Road PR-251 in the Municipality of Culebra is hereby designated as the Hermanos Ávila-Esperanza Avenue.

Section 2. – The Department of Transportation and Public Works is hereby directed to designate State Road PR-251 in the Municipality of Culebra as Hermanos Avila-Esperanza Avenue, so that all agencies, corporations, and instrumentalities of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico may use the same in their documents.

Section 3. – The Public Structures and Highways Naming Commission of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Department of Transportation and Public Works shall take the necessary measures to comply with the provisions of this Act, without being subject to the provisions of Act No. 99 of June 22, 1961, as amended.

Section 4. – This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following **Act No. 10-2016 (H. B. 2184)** of the **7th Regular Session** of the **17th Legislative Assembly of Puerto Rico**:

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has been translated from Spanish to English and that the English version is correct.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on this 10th day of June, 2016.

Juan Luis Martínez Martínez
Director