

(S. B. 580)

(No. 15-2015)

(Approved February 19, 2015)

AN ACT

To name Road PR-681 in the Islote Ward of the Municipality of Arecibo after Mario Maldonado-Torres.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Those who change the lives of the people they serve through their work and dedication will be remembered with fondness and admiration by their countrymen. Mario Maldonado-Torres is, without a doubt, an example of such a person.

Known as the “Gentleman of the Radio,” he pursued journalism studies in New York. His career in the media spanned nearly 40 years, and he was very well regarded in our District of Arecibo. This great radio announcer was an institution in the airwaves of the northern part of the Island and, every morning, his distinctive voice would reach hundreds of thousands of listeners who, day after day, would wait for the chance to tell him about their struggles. We must remember all the precious moments that Mario shared, not only with his immediate family, but also with radio listeners of the District of Arecibo through the different communications media he worked in. As a people, we enjoyed many hours of entertainment thanks to Mario Maldonado.

His discipline and dedication as a communications professional, his service, responsibility, seriousness, and loyalty allow us to honor his legacy of humility and commitment to his family and to the People of Puerto Rico. This great radio announcer leaves behind a priceless legacy with regards to the development of communications media in the Island.

In light of the foregoing, and for being an outstanding journalist, this Legislative Assembly has the duty to recognize the commendable work of the late Mario Maldonado-Torres by naming Road PR-681 in the Islote Ward of the Municipality of Arecibo after him.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1. – Road PR-681 in the Islote Ward of the Municipality of Arecibo is hereby named after Mario Maldonado-Torres.

Section 2. – The Public Structures and Highways Naming Commission of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, in conjunction with the Department of Transportation and Public Works, shall take the necessary measures to install the appropriate signs and comply with the provisions of this Act.

Section 3. – This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following **Act No. 15-2015 (S. B. 580)** of the **5th 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 19th day of October, 2017.

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