

(H. B. 2200)

**(No. 83-2015)**

(Approved June 8, 2015)

**AN ACT**

To designate the Parcelas Suárez Community School, located at the Medianía Baja Ward of the Municipality of Loíza, as the “Gregorio ‘Goyín’ Lanzó-Cirino Elementary School”; exempt such designation from the provisions of Section 3 of Act No. 99 of June 22, 1961, as amended; and for other related purposes.

**STATEMENT OF MOTIVES**

Nations are formed by citizens committed to education, health, sports, and the arts. Our Island stands out for the sheer number of its citizens who have put the name of Puerto Rico on the map in all corners of the globe and made us all proud.

*Don* Gregorio “Goyín” Lanzó-Cirino was born in 1896 in the Medianía Alta Ward of the Municipality of Loíza as the eldest of twelve (12) children born from the marriage of *Don* Brígido Lanzó and Doña Cándida Cirino. At present, *Don* Gregorio is survived by four (4) children, to wit: Noemí, Ana L., Gregoria, and Luis F.

*Don* Goyín, as he was affectionately known, was an excellent community leader, a pioneer of the cooperative movement in Puerto Rico, and an ardent defender of consumer cooperatives in the Municipality of Loíza. He was a prominent figure in the cooperative movement, for which reason the Hon. Jesús T. Piñero, governor of Puerto Rico at the time, appointed him as instructor of Puerto Rican cooperatives. It is worth noting that, with only a third grade education, he always stood out for his tireless work in this area.

He was a founder of the Medianía Alta Producer and Consumer Cooperative and, from there, he became an instrument that would take the cooperative movement to all wards and neighboring towns such as Río Grande, Canóvanas, and Carolina.

*Don* Gregorio also distinguished himself as a speaker at the University of Puerto Rico, instructing and encouraging people to create savings and credit unions, as well as producer and consumer cooperatives so that way, all Puerto Ricans could learn about the cooperative movement.

In light of the foregoing, and discharging our duty to preserve the contributions of those Puerto Rican men and women whose deeds so warrant, this Legislative Assembly hereby designates the Parcelas Suárez Community School, located at the Medianía Baja Ward of the Municipality of Loíza, as the “Gregorio ‘Goyín’ Lanzó-Cirino Elementary School.” This man represented the best principles and values that set us apart as a people and, throughout his life, was the embodiment of service to others through excellence and full commitment.

***BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PUERTO RICO:***

Section 1. – The Parcelas Suárez Community School, located at the Medianía Baja Ward of the Municipality of Loíza, is hereby designated as the “Gregorio ‘Goyín’ Lanzó-Cirino Elementary School.”

Section 2. – Such designation shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 3 of Act No. 99 of June 22, 1961, as amended.

Section 3. – The Public Structures and Highways Naming Commission of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico shall take the necessary measures to comply with the provisions of this Act.

Section 4. – A copy of this Act shall be sent to the Department of Education and to the Public Structures and Highways Naming Commission of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for their information.

Section 5. – This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval.

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following **Act No. 83-2015 (H. B. 2200)** of the **5<sup>th</sup> Regular Session** of the **17<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2018.

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