

(H. B. 2237)

(No. 149-2015)

(Approved September 15, 2015)

AN ACT

To name the gym of Pedro Perea-Fajardo Vocational High School, located at the Municipality of Mayagüez, after Professor Eugenio Del Valle and exempt the Secretary of Education from compliance with the provisions of Act No. 99 of June 22, 1961, as amended, known as the “Public Structures and Highways Naming Commission of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Act.”

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Mr. Eugenio Del Valle had a strong calling for public service, which led him to work for his people for fifty-five (55) years, both in his hometown of Aguadilla and as an adoptive son of the other town he called home, Mayagüez. Faithful to his passion for education, he served as a teacher in the public school system and as director of the Pedro Perea-Fajardo Vocational High School for twenty-two (22) years. Such passion for education was also evident in his twenty-eight-year (28) tenure as vice-president of the Puerto Rico Teachers Association. As a labor leader, he was co-founder and president of the Edu-Coop credit union.

His continuous interest in improving public service motivated his run for municipal legislator. Upon his election, he became chair of the Municipal Legislature of the city of Mayagüez, an office he held for fifteen (15) years. In time, he became one of the closest collaborators of the mayor, the Honorable José Guillermo Rodríguez, to the point of being appointed his deputy mayor. He held this last office from January 2000 until his retirement on October 15, 2005.

The moral compass and righteousness of this public servant are principles worthy of emulation in public service, as well as in community and private affairs. Given his legacy and contributions, we deem it meritorious to pay our respects to this pillar of Puerto Rican education by naming after him the gymnasium of the Pedro Perea-Fajardo Vocational High School, to which he dedicated many years of his life while teaching generations of Mayagüez residents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1. – The gym of the Pedro Perea-Fajardo Vocational High School, located at the Municipality of Mayagüez, is hereby named after the prominent educator and public servant, Professor Eugenio Del Valle.

Section 2. – The Secretary of Education of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico shall place a sign in the gym of the Pedro Perea-Fajardo Vocational High School, located at the Municipality of Mayagüez, with the name of Professor Eugenio Del Valle. The Secretary of Education is hereby exempt from complying with the provisions of Act No. 99 of June 22, 1961, as amended, known as the “Public Structures and Highways Naming Commission of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Act.”

Section 3. – This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following **Act No. 149-2015 (H. B. 2237)** of the **6th 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 23rd day of January, 2018.

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