

(S. B. 1432)

(No. 215-2015)

(Approved December 14, 2015)

AN ACT

To name the new Vocational High School located on State Road PR-159, in the Mavillas Sector of Abras Ward in the Municipality of Corozal, after Pablo David Burgos-Marrero; and for other purposes.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Pablo David Burgos-Marrero was born on January 30, 1929, in the Quebrada Grande Ward of the Municipality of Barranquitas. The son of *don* Pablo J. Burgos and *doña* Aurora Marrero, he lived in Barranquitas until he was eleven (11) years old, when his family moved to the Dos Bocas I Ward in Corozal. Corozal has been his home ever since. There he studied at the Rafael Martínez-Nadal School and the Abraham Lincoln School, where he graduated from high school in 1948. In 1953, he initiated his undergraduate studies at the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in Social Science with a major in Political Science and History. Subsequently, he studied and obtained his high school teacher's license.

In 1956, he began his professional career as a social studies and Spanish teacher at the Nicolás Rodríguez Second Unit School of Padilla Ward in Corozal. Afterwards, he worked at the Manuel Bou-Galí High School and the Emilio R. Delgado High School. In 1969, he worked as coordinator of the social studies program at the school district level. During 1971, he managed the Multiple Services Center of the Palmarito, Maná, and Magueyes Wards in Corozal. Lastly, he was deputy director of the Continuing Education Program of the State Insurance Fund Corporation from 1985 until his retirement in 1989.

In the civic aspect, Pablo David has had an enriching trajectory. He was leader of the 4H Clubs of the Agricultural Extension Service; he founded and directed the Tropa Corozaleña del Ejército Juvenil (Corozal Troop of the Youth Army), which sent music albums to Puerto Rican soldiers during World War II; he was also founder and director of the Teacher's Club in Corozal, which has served teachers from Corozal for more than fifty-five (55) years. He also excelled as a member of the Board of Directors of the Howard T. Jason Recreational Club. Furthermore, he actively participated in the search and drafting of the book Historia de Corozal, together with Father Antonio Rodríguez-Fraiz. He was also Chair of the Red Cross Disaster Committee in Corozal, founding Chairman of the Rotary Club of Corozal, founding Chairman of the Retired Teacher's Chapter of Corozal, promoter of the proposed Museum of History, Arts, and Culture of Corozal, and Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Credit Committee of the Sagrada Familia Cooperative of Corozal.

Pablo David Burgos-Marrero has excelled as a Puerto Rican of irreproachable conduct and an upright citizen. As a result of his admirable professional and civic endeavors, the Legislative Assembly of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico names the new Vocational High School of Corozal after Pablo David Burgos-Marrero to pay homage to a person who deserves to be perpetuated in the historical memory of his town as an example of civic and social commitment for present and future generations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.— The new Vocational High School located on State Road PR-159, in the Mavillas Sector, of Abras Ward in the Municipality of Corozal, is named after Pablo David Burgos-Marrero, in recognition of this distinguished teacher, leader, and adoptive son of Corozal.

Section 2.— The Public Structures and Highways Naming Commission of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Department of Education 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, known as the “Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Public Structures and Highways Naming Commission 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. 215-2015 (S. B. 1432)** 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 4th day of September, 2018.

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Director