

(H. B. 1702)

(No. 216-2015)

(Approved December 14, 2015)

AN ACT

To name the Elementary School of Quebradas Ward of the Municipality of Guayanilla as the “Herminio Arzola-Emmanuelli School”; and for other purposes.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Don Herminio Arzola-Emmanuelli was born on July 9, 1903 in Macaná Ward of Guayanilla. The son of *don* Juan Arzola-Lugo (1877-1947) and *doña* Zoila Emmanuelli-Pagán (1880-1960). After finishing his freshman year at the Guayanilla High School, Schools Inspector *don* Hatuey Díaz-Baldorioty recommended him, along with other students, to work as teachers. He attended the University of Puerto Rico in the summer of 1921, and in August of that same year he started working. He obtained a bachelor’s degree in Education with a major in Administration and Supervision from the University of Puerto Rico in 1942. At the age of eighteen (18) he became a rural teacher in Llano Ward of Guayanilla. When he retired in 1971, he was Assistant Superintendent of the Guayanilla School District. He dedicated twenty-one (21) years to working in the classrooms and another twenty-one (21) years as a supervisor. He served as school principal in Ensenada Ward during 1943 and 1944. Following his retirement from the Department of Education of Puerto Rico, he worked with the Head Start Program in Ponce for seven (7) years.

While working as a teacher he wrote dialogues and comic strips and authored stories, essays, and poems that were featured in school events. He was selected by the Guayanilla School District as the first teacher to receive the “Maestro Emérito” award at a ceremony held on May 11, 1984.

He became a member of the “Estrella del Sur” Odd Fellows Lodge No. 10496 at the valley of Guayanilla, where he held the rank of Patriarch. On March 7, 1986, his brother lodgers dedicated the “Herminio Arzola Odd Fellows Gallery” in his honor. He was a founding member of the Voz de la Verdad de Guayanilla Theosophical Lodge founded in 1927, and of the Lion’s Club of Guayanilla in 1947. He had a perfect attendance record during the first thirty-five years of the club. He was vice-governor of the Lion’s Club of Puerto Rico from 1956 to 1957, and President from 1957 to 1958. Moreover, he was Chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee and editor of the Lion’s Club of Guayanilla Newsletter. He was a member of the Savings and Credit Cooperative of Guayanilla and Chairman of the Credit Committee from 1972 to 1974. On August 4, 1984, the facilities of the Lion’s Club of Guayanilla were named after him. During the ceremony, the Honorable José Ángel Rodríguez-Irizarry, Mayor of Guayanilla, read the proclamation declaring him a “Favorite Son of Guayanilla.”

On September 24, 1986, the Municipal Assembly of Guayanilla declared him “Citizen of the Century” through a proclamation to such effect. *Don* Herminio passed away in Río Piedras on June 18, 1991.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.— The Elementary School of Quebradas Ward of the Municipality of Guayanilla is hereby named as the “Herminio Arzola-Emmanuelli School.”

Section 2.— The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Public Structures and Highways Naming Commission shall review and take the necessary measures to comply with the provisions of this Act, as set forth in Act No. 99 of June 22, 1961, as amended.

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. 216-2015 (H. B. 1702)** 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.

Orlando Pagán-Ramírez
Director