

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL NO. 4491**



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Introduced by Representatives Precious Hipolito Castelo,  
Anthony Peter "Onyx" Crisologo, Allan Benedict Reyes, Jesus "Bong" Suntay,  
Alfred Vargas and Jose Christopher Belmonte

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to rename La Mesa Eco Park as Gina Lopez Eco Park.

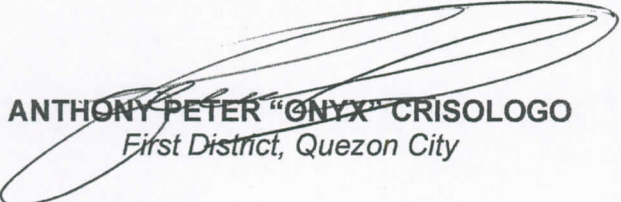
Gina Lopez, former secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources passed away on August 19, 2019. She was a staunch vanguard of environmental protection. She brought to bear veritable ecological programs that sought to protect and uphold the interests of the environment.

Her most notable achievements include the successful reforestation of the La Mesa Watershed. She became the first Filipino to be awarded the prestigious Seacology Prize in October 2017 at Berkeley in California for her "exceptional achievement in preserving island environments and culture."

Her legacy lives on in the hearts of those who care for the welfare of Mother Nature. It is only fitting that she be memorialized where her legacy continues. The passage of this bill is thus most earnestly sought.



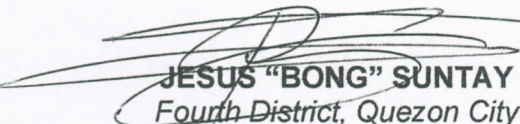
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**AN ACT**  
**HONORING HON. REGINA PAZ "GINA" LOPEZ, RENAMING FOR THE PURPOSE LA**  
**MESA ECO MARK TO GINA LOPEZ ECO PARK**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**SECTION 1.** La Mesa Eco Park shall hereinafter be known as Gina Lopez Eco Park.

**SECTION 2.** The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall issue the necessary rules, orders and circulars to carry out the provision of this Act within sixty (60) days from its effectivity.

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*