AN ORDINANCE RENAMING DAVID STREET IN ESCOLTA, BINONDO, MANILA TO WILLIAM
J. BURKE STREET.

WHEREAS, Dr. William J. Burke was born in Calle Aviles, San Miguel, Manila on February 17, 1873;

WHEREAS, his father, Dr. John Burke, as well as his uncle, both Irish, were doctors in Manila since 1860;

WHEREAS, his mother, Victoria Carlota Somes de Butler, a Manileña, was born in Binondo at Calle del Rosario in 1848;

WHEREAS, after studying medicine in Dublin, Irish Republic, he returned to practice in Manila in 1905 until his death at the end of the Japanese occupation in 1948, at the clinic of his good friend, Dr. Singian on General Solano;

WHEREAS, he had been granted several pontifical orders for his philanthropic endeavors in Sto. Tomas, San Juan de Dios Hospital, Hospicio de San Jose, and in convents and religious orders;

WHEREAS, the Burke Award in Cardiology which he launched in 1932 was carried on by his family until 1984-1988 when it was founded into a Chair in Cardiology, which to date has a total funding of \$\frac{7}{852,151.58}\$ being utilized for the advancement of medical science, particularly in the field of cardiology;

WHEREAS, he installed and introduced the first electrocardiograph in the country;

WHEREAS, U.S.T. has illustrated on a large mural by Manansala, Dr. Burke leading an operation surrounded by all the future medical luminaries like Dr. Agustin Libore, Dr. Ricardo Molina, Dr. Luis Ma. Guerrero, 27° Dr. De Ocampo;

WHEREAS, one of the first edifices to be erected along Escolta corner David Street, was Casa Burke (now Burke Bldg.);

WHEREAS, residents in the area have signed and submitted a petition calling for the change of David Street to William J. Burke Street;

WHEREAS, David Street, in Escolta, where he kept an office (Casa Burke now Burke Building) should, therefore, be renamed William J. Burke Street as a fitting tribute not only to a famous and dedicated servant in the medical profession, who has become worthy of emulation by the people that he loved so well, but also to an achiever, a philanthropist, and a true son of Manila: NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it ordained by the City Council of Manila, THAT:

SECTION 1. David Street in Escolta, Binondo, Manila is hereby renamed "William J. Burke" Street.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session today, January 7, 1993.

Approved by His Honor, the Mayor on Jehnny 1, 1993.

APPROVED:

AMFREDO S. LIM Mayor City of Manila

President Pro-Tempore and Acting Presiding Officer City Council, Manila

ATTESTED:

RAFAELITO M. GARAYDLAS Secretary to the Mayor Secretary to the City Council

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