EXPLANATORY NOTE

Interior and Local Government Secretary Jesse Manalastas Robredo served Naga City well, with great honor, competence and integrity for 19 long and fruitful years.

As the youngest Mayor of this city (at age 29), Secretary Robredo made the city proud by introducing various innovations in local government management, anchored on promoting greater transparency, accountability, predictability and participation -- the foundational elements of Good Governance that Naga became widely known for.

As City Mayor, Secretary Robredo bravely stood up to powerful political interests, even to the extent of putting his life on the line, to rid Naga of various forms of venalities and social ills, thereby making the city a better, more peaceful place to live in.

Under his vibrant leadership, Naga earned unparalleled honor and recognition, capped by the distinction as one of the most improved cities in the whole of Asia on the strength of a participative system of governance that continues to be emulated by other localities in the Philippines and abroad.

In partnership with stakeholders and consistent with Secretary Robredo’s unwavering commitment to social justice, his administration crafted, implemented and institutionalized pro-poor programs and policies that sought to equalize opportunities for the marginalized sectors of society.

His visionary leadership has revolutionized the city government and empowered its bureaucracy, preparing it to proactively respond to the demands of modern public sector management with the creation and institutionalization of strong local entities such as the Naga City People’s Council and innovations like the pioneering Naga City Citizen’s Charter and i-Governance programs;

His impact and imprint on government service and public administration has been widely recognized nationally and internationally, capped by the prestigious 2000 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service which is considered as Asia’s equivalent of the Nobel Prize;

Secretary Robredo continued to bring pride and honor to Naga City even after assuming leadership of the Department of the Interior and Local Government, where various innovations and best practices in good governance he introduced in the city were being scaled up nationally;

On August 21, 2012, coinciding with the 29th Anniversary of Sen. Benigno Aquino, Jr.’s martyrdom, Secretary Robredo was confirmed to have perished in the plane crash while enroute from Cebu, where he attended various official functions.
This tragedy shocked the entire country in general and the City of Naga in particular, given his exceptional performance and invaluable contributions to the City of Naga which he served as City Mayor and to the country as Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

By way of showing the people of Naga’s gratefulness and deep appreciation for his works and deeds as well as the lessons taught during his lifetime, it is but proper and fitting to officially name the Naga City Coliseum as the “JESSE M. ROBREDO COLISEUM”.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012–043


On joint and collective motion

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Naga, that:

SECTION 1. – The Naga City Coliseum is hereby officially named as “JESSE M. ROBREDO COLISEUM” in recognition of the exceptional performance and invaluable contributions of the late Honorable Jesse Manalastas Robredo to the City of Naga which he served as City Mayor for 19 years, and to the country as Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG);

SECTION 2. – This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: August 29, 2012

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DAN PAOLO R. MORALES
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WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

GIL A. DE LA TORRE
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

GABRIEL H. BORDADO, JR.
City Vice Mayor &
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

JOHN G. BONGAT
City Mayor