

Cuban Legislature Passes Law Banning Public Use of Fidel Castro's Name and Figure



Havana, December 28 (RHC/acn)– The Cuban Parliament has passed a law prohibiting the use of the figure and name of Fidel Castro to designate squares and streets or to raise monuments in his memory.

Explaining the reasons behind the proposed legislation on Tuesday, Secretary of the Cuban Council of State Homero Acosta told National Assembly members that the new law would respect the will explicitly voiced by the Cuban leader, in line with the humility and modesty that marked his life.

The Parliament's Constitutional and Legal Affairs Commission also described the initiative as suiting ethical components in the personality of Fidel Castro and his identification with Jose Marti's ideas that “all the glory in the world fits in a grain of corn.”

The law passed prohibits naming streets, parks, squares, avenues or any other public place after Fidel Castro or using his name in any medal, honorific titles or decorations.

It also bans the use of his image to raise monuments, busts, statues, plaques or other forms of homage in public sites. In addition, no denominations or references of any kind will be made to the figure of Fidel

Castro in trademarks or any other elements, domains, names or designs with commercial or publicity purposes.

Exceptions to the law include use of the name Fidel Castro to designate a future institution devoted to the study of the Cuban leader's impact on the history of Cuba. And the law does not limit artistic production associated to Fidel Castro.

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