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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



Introduced by Hon. Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan

AN ACT

CONVERTING THE H-WAY JUNCTION-POBLACION STA. MARIA-PONGPONG-SAN ANTONIO-MALUNGON, SARANGANI PROVINCE ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO OCCIDENTAL, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The H-Way Junction-Poblacion Sta. Maria-Pongpong-San Antonio-Malungon, Sarangani Province Road in the Province of Davao Occidental is hereby converted into a National Road.

SECTION 2. The technical description of the road is as follows:

From the Bureau of Lands Local Monument (BLLM) of the Municipality Sta. Maria, Davao Occidental to the beginning of the By Pass Road with a distance of 350.009, bearing S 9 deg 42' 16" E.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, repair and maintenance of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

By virtue of Republic Act 4743 passed on June 18, 1965 the Municipality of Sta. Maria was created. Formerly named "Dool" which later became "Kibulan" because of the beautiful, undulating creeks coming from the nearby spring where the residents get their supply of water. Sta. Maria superseded the former names and it has remained so to this day.

Composed of 22 barangays, the Municipality of Sta. Maria has a total population of 51, 581 as of 2016. An agricultural area like the rest of the municipalities in Davao Occidental, Sta. Maria in 2014 has a total production of 280.07 metric tons of rice with a total value of Php 4,797,599.10; and in the same period has produced 3,98246 amounting to Php 50,617,066.60. An unspecified amount of income from the cultivation of vegetables, rootcrops, cassava and tubers as well as the raising of livestocks show that Sta. Maria has more than enough produce to sustain the needs of its people. Selling them to nearby barangays requires that the produce be brought as soon as possible to the nearest market. The problem confronting the residents of the barangay is the lack of feeder roads that will facilitate the conveyance of the agricultural produce to the market. H-Way Jct.—Poblacion, Sta. Maria—Pongpong—San Antonio—Malungon, Sarangani Province Road measuring 25.000 km. It was a combination of gravel and rough surface road that is difficult to traverse particularly during inclement weather.

The need to have said stretch converted from a provincial to a national road will ease the transfer of the produce from the barangay to the town centers. It will save precious time, money and effort—all essential commodities even in this age.

It is for these reasons that the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


REP. LORNA BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN