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EXPLANATORY NOTE

With the advent of industrialization and the continuing modernization of our infrastructure facilities, new and modern highways were created to accelerate travel and commercial linkages. One such facility was the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX). By its creation, the NLEX now traverses through one of our barangays in Valenzuela City, Barangay Canumay. It has in effect divided the contiguous territory of said barangay.

By this effective separation, it became necessary to build two barangay halls, a duplicate day care center was also built to accommodate the children of the displaced portion of the barangay and the establishment of separate health centers for easier access to medical care. Both territories likewise have two separate grade school and high school facilities.

This physical separation necessitated the splitting of Barangay Canumay into Canumay East and Canumay West to make governance immediate in its response to constituency concerns and the delivery of public services concentrated and adequate to the peculiar needs of each community and more importantly making the two barangays district and independent from each other with its own source of revenue.

Section 386 paragraph (a) of R.A 7160, also known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides that the creation of a new Barangay within Metro Manila should qualify to the minimum requirements of atleast 5,000 inhabitants and provides that the creation thereof shall not reduce the population of the original barangay to less than the minimum requirement prescribed.

Based on the recent survey of the National Statistics Office (NSO), the population of the Canumay West is more or less SIXTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY – FIVE (16,225) while (Canumay East has a population of more or less THIRTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY – SEVEN (13, 967).

Barangay Canumay, Valenzuela City, has a land area of 296.8 hectares or 3,015,472.04 square meters, with a population of more or less twenty – eight thousand one hundred ninety – two inhabitations.

During the 15th and 16th Congress, then Rep. Sherwin T. Gatchalian of District 1 of the City of Valenzuela, passed House Bill No. 3927 entitled, "An Act Dividing Barangay Canumay into Canumay West and Canumay East, City of Valenzuela." However, the realization of the bill into a law did not materialize.

In an effort to give a political identity to the two barangays and derive consequential benefits therefrom, this House Bill is again being submitted this 17th Congress with manifestation of adopting all documents previously submitted to the appropriate committee.

In view of the foregoing, the support and approval of this initiative is earnestly

sought.

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AN ACT DIVIDING BARANGAY CANUMAY INTO CANUMAY WEST AND CANUMAY EAST, CITY OF VALENZUELA

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

SECTION 1. Dividing Barangay Canumay. – Barangay Canumay, located in Valenzuela City shall be divided into two (2) barangays, to be known as Canumay West and Canumay East.

SECTION 2. Barangay Officials. – The present elective Barangay Officials of Barangay Canumay shall continue to perform their duties in the barangay of which they are residents and registered voters. Such other appointive officers and employees as maybe necessary to organize and complete the government personnel of the two divided barangays shall be appointed as provided for under existing laws.

The City Mayor may appoint the Punong Barangay and the members of the Sangguniang Barangay, and the SangguniangKabataan Chairman and the corresponding council where there are vacancies. Such officials shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected in the regular elections for barangay officials following the approval and ratification of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Internal Revenue Allotment Shares. – Barangay Canumay West and Canumay East shall be entitled to Internal Revenue allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160 as amended otherwise known as the Local Government Code.

SECTION 4. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,