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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the barangay road starting from Barangay Asuncion in Maasin City to Barangay Paku, Bontoc, Province of Southern Leyte into a national road.

Barangays Asuncion and Paku and the rest of the barangays in Southern Leyte are farming communities. Roads are beneficial to the livelihood of the people in these areas because they are the means by which farm produce is transported to the markets. They are convenient links between fifteen (15) municipalities of Southern Leyte stretching towards the Municipality of Malitbog. Approximately one (1) hour travel time is saved by not passing the coastal road in going to Maasin City.

The conversion of the Asuncion-Paku road into a national road will greatly stimulate and promote economic development of the various barangays traversed by this road network. This will likewise increase commercial activity as a consequence, spur business and financial movements in the municipalities bounded by this road network. New investments will be encouraged thus promoting economic growth and progress in the area.

In view thereof, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

ROGER GAVIOLA MERCADO



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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE BARANGAY ROAD FROM BARANGAY ASUNCION IN MAASIN CITY TO BARANGAY PAKU, BONTOC, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SEC. 1. The Barangay Road from Barangay Asuncion in Maasin City to Barangay Paku, Bontoc, Southern Leyte is hereby converted into a national road to be known as the Asuncion-Paku National Highway under the direct supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriation for the Department of

Public Works and Highways under the current General Appropriations Act.
Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the repair and maintenance of
the highway shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,