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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2104**

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**INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JOSE "PINGPING" I. TEJADA**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill which seeks to establish a new district engineering office in the Municipality of Matalam, Province of (North) Cotabato was originally introduced as House Bill 3216 by the undersigned Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada during the Sixteenth Congress. It was approved by the House of Representatives and transmitted to the Senate where it was not acted upon.

With Seventeen (17) Municipalities and One (1) City the Province of Cotabato is presently being served by only two engineering districts, this set-up has had tremendous effect on the delayed delivery of important public infrastructure programs and projects particularly in the six municipalities comprising the Third Congressional District of North Cotabato.

With the passage of this bill, the (North) Cotabato 3<sup>rd</sup> District Engineering Office will be able to provide a more integrated, comprehensive and quality public infrastructure and maintenance services in its area of coverage. Furthermore the establishment of this district engineering office will reduce the coverage area of the other district engineering offices thus ensuring conscientious delivery of public infrastructure services in the Province of Cotabato.

Hence the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE THIRD DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF MATALAM, PROVINCE OF (NORTH) COTABATO AND  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE**

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

1 **Section 1.** There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department  
2 of Public Works and Highways, a third district engineering office to be located in the  
3 Municipality of Matalam, Province of (North) Cotabato to be known as the (North)  
4 Cotabato Third District Engineering Office.

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6 **Section 2.** The said district engineering office shall comprise the municipalities of  
7 Banisilan, Carmen, Kabacan, Matalam, Mlang and Tulunan, all in the Third  
8 Congressional District of the Province of (North) Cotabato.

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10 **Section 3.** The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall immediately include  
11 in the Department's program the operationalization of the (North) Cotabato Third  
12 District Engineering Office, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the  
13 current year's appropriations of the Cotabato First Engineering District Office and  
14 the Cotabato Second Engineering District Office. Thereafter, the amount necessary  
15 for the continued operation of the said Engineering District Office shall be included  
16 in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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18 **Section 4.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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20 Approved.