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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Engineering districts are vital cogs in the development of the country. Without their invaluable contribution, the implementation of priority projects such as the construction, maintenance and rehabilitation of roads and bridges, as well as flood control, irrigation, and other important infrastructure, would be impossible to realize.

To ensure the efficient and slippage-free implementation of infrastructure projects and undertakings in our area of representations, it has become imperative that a new engineering district be created. This will free the solitary district engineering office from the heavy burden of having to stretch its limited resources just to provide for the requirements of the whole Province of Compostela Valley, a vast geographical area consisting of eleven municipalities straddling two congressional districts.

This bill proposes to create a second engineering district office in the Province of Compostela Valley with jurisdiction over the municipalities comprising the first legislative district, namely: Monkayo, Compostela, New Bataan, Maragusan and Montevista.

The measure was approved on Third Reading by the House of Representatives during the 17th Congress but administrative and time constraints prevented its passage in the Senate.

We earnestly request for the immediate approval of this measure.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways, the district engineering office located in the Municipality of Compostela, Province of Compostela Valley, to be known as the Second District Engineering Office.

- SEC. 2. The Second District Engineering Office shall serve the municipalities of Monkayo, Compostela, New Bataan, Montevista and Maragusan, all located in the First Legislative District of the Province of Compostela Valley.
- SEC. 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Second District Engineering Office of Compostela Valley Province, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.
- SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,