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House of Representatives
Quezon City

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House Bill No. 236

Introduced by **HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ D. DADIVAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

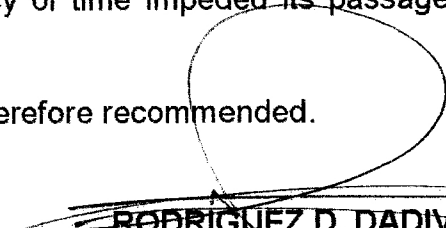
This bill seeks to convert the 9.2-kilometer Panitan-Timpas-Mianay Road in the Municipalities of Panitan and Sigma, Province of Capiz into a national road.

This road network connects the Municipality of Panitan in the 1st District to the Municipality of Sigma in the 2nd District of Capiz. Improving the rough conditions of the road shall greatly benefit the residents of the two municipalities, shortening the travel distance between them by six kilometers. The area traversed by this road network is likewise being developed as the site of the province's cut-flower industry. Development of this important road artery shall therefore enhance the thriving cut flower business that is carving a market niche in this part of the country.

While the Province of Capiz recognizes the vital role of roads in facilitating trade and ushering further development in the area, it does not have enough capabilities to properly maintain its road networks. This bill therefore seeks to convert the Panitan-Timpas-Mianay Road into a national road to ensure its proper maintenance given the availability of equipment and capability of the national government to provide ready funds for this purpose.

This measure is subsequent to the version which was filed during the Twelfth Congress and is adapted from the said version's second reading copy in the House of Representatives. The Twelfth Congress version of this bill was transmitted to the Senate but the insufficiency of time impeded its passage into law.

The immediate approval of this bill is therefore recommended.


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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE PANITAN-TIMPAS-MIANAY ROAD IN THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF PANITAN AND SIGMA, PROVINCE OF CAPIZ INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The 9.2- kilometer Panitan-Timpas-Mianay Road in the
Municipalities of Panitan and Sigma, Province of Capiz is hereby converted into a
national road under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Public
Works and Highways (DPWH).

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the DPWH shall include in the Department's
Program the improvement, maintenance and repair of the said road, the funding
which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,