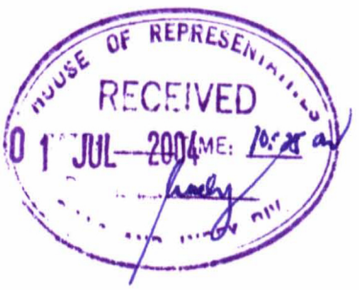
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay Captains and the Barangay Council members have always been considered as the guardians of the barangays. In their stewardship of their respective barangays, they have set aside personal and financial gain, enduring and rising above challenges and hardships that not even a paid individual would face even if the salary is doubled.

But despite the situation they are facing, our Barangay Captains and Barangay Council members do not receive a fixed remuneration instead, they get a meager allowance as a sort of honorarium for their services. Despite this, they continue to be faithful in the discharge of their responsibilities and obligations; one might say that they serve even beyond the call of duty.

We have examples of Barangay Captains and Barangay Council members acting in various capacities as stewards and leaders of the barangays, risking life and limb in their effort to keep peace, order and security, acting as counselors or mediators despite their own problems.

It is high time that an incentive program be introduced to reward our Barangay Captains and Barangay Council members, most specifically those who have served for three consecutive terms, as a manifestation of the national government's gratitude for their selfless and tireless service. No one deserves it more than these unsung heroes do.

It is therefore earnestly requested that this proposed measure be approved.

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AN ACT
GRANTING GRATIUTY PAY TO ALL DULY ELECTED BARANGAY CAPTAINS AND BARANGAY COUNCIL MEMBERS, WHO HAVE COMPLETELY SERVED THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Barangay Council Gratuity act of 2004."

SEC. 2. The State shall provide gratuity pay to all Barangay Captains and Barangay Council members who have completely served three consecutive terms.

SEC. 3. Only duly elected Barangay Captains and Barangay Council members who have completely served three consecutive terms are eligible for the gratuity pay. Said pay will be a lump sum award of Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P 200,000.00) for Barangay Captains and One Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (P 150,000.00) for Barangay Council members.

SEC. 4. The Department of interior and local Government shall regularly include in their annual appropriation, an amount corresponding to the total gratuity pay due to all qualified awardees. Moreover, the DILG, in coordination with the city or municipal government, shall come up with the implementing rules and regulations for the implementation of this act.

SEC. 5. If any provision or section of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, such portions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,