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EXPLANATORY NOTE

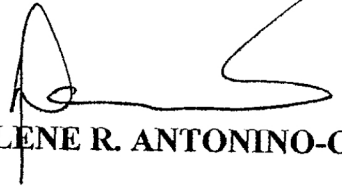
This bill seeks to allot a parcel of land situated in Barangay Calumpang, City of General Santos, for public, quasi-public and resettlement purposes.

A burgeoning City which has become one of the economic hubs in Southern Mindanao, and more particularly dubbed as the Tuna Capital of the Philippines, General Santos City has been the subject of heavy internal migration for the past several years. People flock to the City in search of employment and golden opportunities, causing the population to swell to a record high of Four hundred eleven thousand eight hundred twenty two (May 1, 2000 census). Worst with a population growth rate of 5.05%, General Santos City has the third highest growth rate in the country (next only to Tawi-tawi and Laguna at 5.53 and 5.45% respectively).

If not properly managed and resolved therefore, the urban migration and the resultant social problems that it breeds will produce problems of unmanageable proportions.

This bill therefore aims to lessen the impact of urban migration and population growth in General Santos as it seeks to set aside a portion of the public domain for public, quasi-public and especially resettlement purposes. Squatter colonies are sprouting like mushrooms in the city. Ideal urban planning demands that residents live in decent and comfortable surroundings. Blight areas are conducive to the commission of crimes, contracting of diseases and do not inspire people to achieve more for a better future.

In view of the foregoing considerations, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
RESERVING FOR PUBLIC, QUASI-PUBLIC AND RESETTLEMENT PURPOSES A
CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN LOCATED IN
BARANGAY CALUMPANG, GENERAL SANTOS CITY, ISLAND OF MINDANAO
UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY OF
GENERAL SANTOS.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby reserved for public, quasi-public and resettlement purposes and urban development, under the administration and management of the City Government of General Santos to be administered following the Urban Development and Housing Act policies and the development plan of the City, a certain tract of land of the public domain containing an area of two million seventy thousand (2,070,000) square meters more or less which is more particularly described as follows:

*A parcel of land situated in Barangay Calumpang, General Santos
City, Island of Mindanao;*

*Bounded on the North by FLGLA No. 542; on the East by LC
Project No. 47-Q, on the South, Human Settlement Civil Reservation Lot
1; on the West by FLGLA No. 504.*

*Beginning at a point "1" on the plan identical to Corner 9 of Cot.
Project 47-Q A & D LC 2849, thence:*

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

<u>Situation</u>	<u>Bearing</u>	<u>Distance (m)</u>
1 – 2	S16 OOE	120.00
2 – 3	S03 OOE	220.00
3 – 4	S03 OOE	230.00
4 – 5	S03 OOE	220.00
5 – 6	S03 OOE	210.00
6 – 7	S03 OOE	210.00
7 – 8	S15 OOW	220.00
8 – 9	S75 OOW	150.00
9 – 10	N01 15W	625.00
10 – 11	S86 46W	892.00
11 – 12	DUE OOW	800.00
12 – 13	N33 OOW	300.00
13 – 14	N62 OOW	145.00
14 – 15	N20 OOW	185.00
15 – 16	N70 OOE	430.00
16 – 17	N44 OOE	420.00
17 – 18	N69 OOE	230.00
18 – 19	N64 OOE	380.00
19 – 20	N77 OOE	385.00
20 – 21	S75 OOE	330.00
21 – 1	S75 OOE	250.00 to the

point of beginning containing an area of two million seventy thousand (2,070,000) square meters more or less.

SEC. 2. The utilization of the reserved land shall not in any way prejudice the ecological balance in the area, and the removal of timber and other forest products therein shall be subject to forest and internal reserves laws and regulations.

SEC. 3. The jurisdiction of the area insofar as the enforcement of environmental and natural resources laws, rules and regulations and other such laws, and the final disposition of the same, if ever allowed by law, shall remain with the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

SEC. 4. Twenty meters of both sides of banks of rivers, creeks and natural depression that served as the waterways shall be planted with trees and reserved as permanent forest land.

SEC. 5. The final survey and delineation on the ground of the reserved area shall be undertaken by the DENR at the expense of the City Government of General Santos.

SEC. 6. The disposition of such part or parts of the area herein declared open for disposition which are being used or earmarked for public and quasi-public purposes shall be excluded from such disposition. Except in favor of the government or any of its branches, units or institutions or agencies, lands disposed under this Act shall not be subject to alienation and encumbrances for a term of ten (10) years from the issuance of the Deed of Sale/Conveyance, in the case of sale or execution of Contract. In case of lease, nor shall they become liable to the satisfaction of any debt contracted prior to the expiration of the said period except for housing loan purposes; but improvements on the land may be mortgaged to qualified persons, associations or corporations.

SEC. 7. If any of the provisions of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional any of the provisions not affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 8. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations and other issuances, or parts thereof inconsistent hereof, are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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