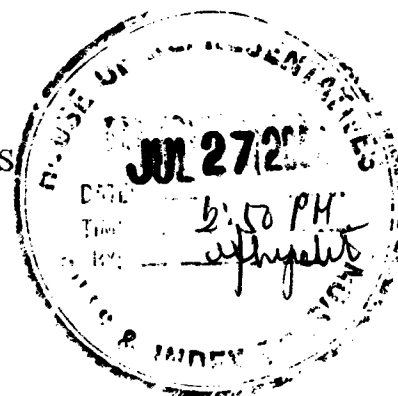


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House Bill No. **1697**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks the conversion of Poblacion -- Sangay -- Demoloc (Davao del Sur side) -- Malungon (Sarangani side) Road into National Road.

Reconstruction of the economy in Mindanao requires the implementation of various intervention measures. As always the problem of any economic development program is its sustainability. In the Second District of Davao del Sur, just like other district in the region, the economy is largely agriculture-based. The government has infused considerable amount of inputs and huge technical support to insure viable farm management. Although there was some growth in the agriculture sector, the farmers have remained poor and programs for poverty reduction hardly made a dent in their subsistent living conditions.

Economic policy makers as well as business planners in both the government and private sectors are agreed on one point. Even with the best quality of farm produce, farmers will not earn enough if their products do not find way in their appropriate markets. In the Second District of Davao del Sur, farmers have a difficult time marketing their produce for lack of interconnection roads leading to town centers like General Santos City. From General Santos City, produce is distributed to outlets that bring the produce either to locals or foreign markets. The lack of needed roads forces the farmers to sell their produce to middlemen who pay very low prices for their harvests. The importance of good roads in the marketing of produce cannot be underestimated.

For the enhancement of the economic situation of the people in the district, approval of this Bill is highly recommended.


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MALUNGON ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MALITA AND
MALUNGON, PROVINCES OF DAVAO DEL SUR AND SARANGANI INTO A
NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,**

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

SECTION 1. This Bill seeks to convert the Poblacion - Sangay - Demoloc -
Malungon Roads in the Municipalities of Malita and Malungon, Provinces of Davao del
Sur and Sarangani and is hereby created into a National Road.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary to cover for the opening, improvement,
construction, cementing and maintenance of said national road shall be included in the
General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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

Approved.