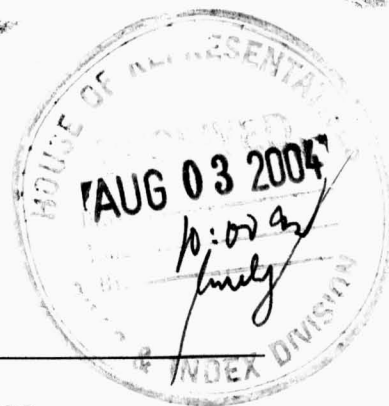


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill provides for the establishment of a rattan research and development center in the Municipality of Basey, Province of Samar.

From its modest beginnings as a small scale industry, the rattan cottage industry has grown into a multi-million pesos export industry. It brings into the country the much-needed foreign exchange earnings. It generates jobs not only in the urban centers but most especially, in the rural areas.

Rattan used to be one of the principal forest products of the Province of Samar accounting for most of the income of the populace. Today, the rattan industry declined due to the rapid destruction of the province's forests and timberlands because of excessive logging. Other factors that also contributed to the slump of the industry are the lack of appropriate production technology, wanting in extension and training-technology dissemination, and lack of marketing and publicity campaign for industrial products using rattan. The establishment of the Rattan Research and Development Center will revive the rattan industry in the area. The Center shall undertake genetical and scientific researches and investigations on the successful growth and propagation of rattan in the area. The Center shall also be responsible for the dissemination of newly-generated technology through extension and training for the rattan growers with the view of exploring and expanding the domestic and foreign market for its products and by-products.

This bill, therefore, envisions reviving the rattan industry in the province. Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RATTAN RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BASEY, PROVINCE OF
SAMAR 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 Agriculture, a Rattan Research and Development Center in the Municipality of Basey, Province of Samar.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Agriculture under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Center shall be included in the annual budget of the Municipality of Basey.

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

Approved,