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EXPLANATORY NOTE

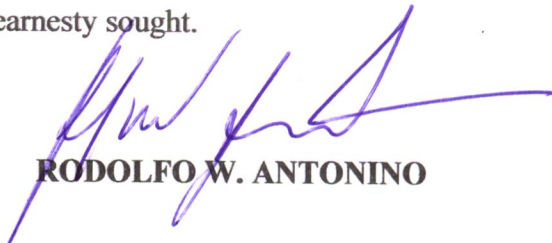
The fourth congressional district of Nueva Ecija lies at the southernmost part of the province approximately ninety-five (95) kilometers northeast of Metro Manila. This district is mainly composed of agricultural areas that depend primarily on the quality of roads in the transportation and merchandise of rice, corn, vegetables and other farm products for commercial and basic consumption.

The San Leonardo-Peñaranda road is a provincial road that is directly linked to several farm to market roads of the different barangays within the Municipalities of San Leonardo and Peñaranda. As such, it plays a very crucial role in the flow of agricultural products, raw materials, fertilizers and other farm inputs during both planting and harvest seasons. It also provides access in the delivery of basic social and health services to the people in these areas.

However, due to lack of funds for the repair and maintenance of provincial roads by the local government, the San Leonardo-Peñaranda road has continued to deteriorate over the years. This added a heavy toll to commuters as well as in the transportation cost of commercial goods that ultimately led to a decrease in revenues and income for the residents of San Leonardo, Peñaranda and adjacent municipalities. It has also lost its advantage of providing a safe alternative route to the progressive towns of Fort Magsaysay where major commercial and government establishments are located.

Thus being a definitive factor in progress, the San Leonardo-Peñaranda Road must be properly maintained and developed in order to provide a stable infrastructure for income generating activities, livelihood and employment in the countryside. This can be accomplished with the swift passage of this bill which seeks to convert the San Leonardo-Peñaranda road into a national road and thereby transfer its inventory and care to the national government where funds can readily be accessed for its maintenance, repair and eventual improvement.

Hence, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE SAN LEONARDO – PEÑARANDA ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN LEONARDO AND PEÑARANDA, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR;

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

SECTION 1. The San Leonardo – Peñaranda Road is hereby converted and declared a national road.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary to cover the repair, improvement and maintenance of said roads shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,