

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1989



Introduced by Honorable Ronald V. Singson

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to rename Barangay San Mariano in the Municipality of Bantay, Province of Ilocos Sur to its original name, Barangay Sallacong.

The inland barangay San Mariano was once called Sallacong, which at the onset was inhabited by about 450 individuals. Although it is the remotest and most estranged barangay next to Barangays Mina and Sagneb, people have naturally survived through available livelihood namely fishing, farming, livestock raising, collection of firewoods, charcoal making and gathering of bamboos ('cawayan' and 'bical'). The original name of the barangay was changed to San Mariano by virtue of RA 8243 on December 30, 1996, owing to the author of the said Act, Congressman Mariano Tajon, who was then the incumbent representative of the 1st district of Ilocos Sur.

The name San Mariano is connected to an official which, to some extent, has "self-serving" tone. The introduction of electrification, accessibility to various land transportations and numerous forms of financial assistance which was raised as justification of the change of name by then Congressman Mariano Tajon is not appropriate. Developments in any barangay, municipality or province are expected, because public officials are obliged to maximize all resources in delivering the best social services to the constituents.

By reverting back to the original name of Barangay Sallacong, it would best represent the original and historical name of the place for which it is known of.

In view thereof, early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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RENAMING BARANGAY SAN MARIANO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANTAY,
PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, TO ITS ORIGINAL NAME, BARANGAY SALLACONG”**

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

SECTION 1. The Barangay San Mariano in the Municipality of Bantay, Province of Ilocos Sur is hereby renamed to its original name, Barangay Sallacong.

SEC. 2. This shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,