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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Development Plan 2011-2016, identified infrastructure development as one of its critical components. The agenda calls for more infrastructure, particularly roads and bridges, to sustain and broaden our country's economic development. While we need to build more roads and bridges that we can afford, we must also maintain and preserve our existing roads.

The conversion of the provincial road into a national road is essential to the economic and social development of a particular municipality specially if such road network traverses into agricultural areas as means for the exchange of goods and services into nearby municipalities. Many of the local government units, the province or city, for instance doesn't have the financial and material resources to carry out the tasks of road maintenance. The purposes of road maintenance are to reduce the rate of deterioration and prolong the service life of road; to provide the riding public with more convenient and safe road travel and to effectively cut costs in the wear and tear on roads.

Hence, it is imperative that provincial roads be turned over to the national government to assure that adequate funding be appropriated for its maintenance and improvement.

Polillo-Burdeos Road is a provincial road situated in the Island of Polillo. It is the only major arterial road in the area linking the Municipalities of Burdeos in the east and Polillo in the west of the island. Without appropriate funding for maintenance, the road will slowly deteriorate. Conversion of Polillo-Burdeos Road into a national road will greatly contribute to the fast economic growth and development not only of the towns of Polillo and Burdeos, but also the neighboring towns of Panukulan, Patnanungan and Jomalig.

With its conversion into a national road, funds from the national government thru the Department of Public Works and Highways can now be channeled to accelerate the improvement of Polillo-Burdeos Road.

In light of the foregoing, immediate approval of this Bill is highly recommended.



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