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Introduced by **Representative Raul C. Tupas**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

**AN ACT CONVERTING THE POBLACION CARLES-BANCAL ROAD IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

This bill seeks to convert the Poblacion Carles-Bancal Road in the Municipality of Carles in the Province of Iloilo into a national road.

The Poblacion Carles-Bancal Road is a key access road leading to the Bancal Port and to the Gigantes group of islands that form part of the Northern Iloilo Cluster which is popularly known as the Alaska of the Philippines because of its rich fishing grounds. Several islands with beautiful and unpolluted beaches can be found in the Northern Iloilo Cluster ideal for eco-tourism and as a marine sanctuary.

Declaring the Poblacion Carles-Bancal Road as a national road and thereby allowing the appropriation of funds from the national government for its regular maintenance and repair would pave the way for faster flow of services and movement of goods. This will also cater to the increasing number of tourists that flocked the area since the Gigantes group of islands gained media recognition. In 2015, Northern Iloilo registered 79,111 tourist arrivals generating tourism revenue of Php 1.44 billion.

The government should invest on the improvement and maintenance of roads leading to major tourist and economic destinations to catalyze the development of eco-tourism in the country.

For this reasons, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Poblacion Carles-Bancal Road in the Municipality of Carles in the
2 Province of Iloilo is hereby converted into a national road under the supervision of the
3 Department of Public Works and Highways.
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- 5 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall
6 include in the Department's program the improvement, maintenance and repair of the
7 said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations
8 Act.
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- 10 **SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in the Official
11 Gazette and in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.
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- 13 Approved,