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HOUSE BILL NO. 7971



Introduced by Honorable Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The fundamental law of the land mandates the speedy delivery of justice to every Filipino of whatever creed or status in life. The constitutional mandate of justice for everyone is a solemn obligation not only of those in the judiciary but by every citizen of this nation.

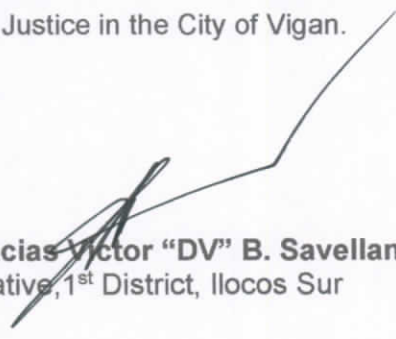
While many recognize this vital mandate, realities on the ground temper what should be the ideal: many courtrooms in the country are crowded at the least, dilapidated at the worst. For many court employees and the judges sitting in the salas, the many judiciary reforms introduced over the years will be for nothing if they continue to work under cramp, challenging conditions.

There have been efforts undertaken by the Supreme Court to improve the working conditions by renovating the many halls of justice in the country, even supported by financial assistance from an international development organization. These efforts are commendable but more needs to be done. Congress, by its inherent power over the purse, must proactively extend the needed assistance – through the allocation of funds for the repair and renovation of the halls of justice in the country.

One such structure is the Hall of Justice in the City of Vigan, Province of Ilocos Sur. Constructed many years ago, the structural integrity of the building is suspect given the long years of its service to the people of the Province of Ilocos Sur.

This then is to propose the allocation of the amount of Two Hundred Million Pesos (P200,000,000) for the repair and renovation of the Hall of Justice in the City of Vigan.

Approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

**APPROPRIATING TWO HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P200MILLION) FOR THE
REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF THE HALL OF JUSTICE IN THE CITY OF VIGAN**

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

SECTION 1. The amount of Two Hundred Million Pesos (P200,000,000) is hereby appropriated exclusively for the repair and renovation of the Hall of Justice in the City of Vigan which shall be implemented by the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

SECTION 2. All laws, rules, regulations, proclamations, executive orders or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act, are hereby amended accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,