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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1051

Introduced by **Representative DE CARLO "OYO" L. UY**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed bill aims to address the long-standing financial disparity experienced by Barangay Datu Balong as a result of Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991, which reads:

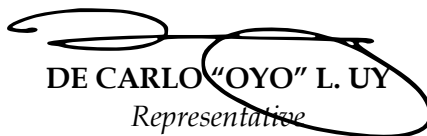
"Provided, finally, that the financial requirements of barangays created by local government units after the effectivity of this Code shall be the responsibility of the local government unit concerned."

Due to this clause, Barangay Datu Balong has been excluded for decades from receiving its rightful share of the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) that other barangays regularly enjoy. The passage of this bill will ensure a more equitable distribution of national resources and place Barangay Datu Balong of Sawata, Davao del Norte, on equal footing with other barangays.

Barangays, being the foundation of local governance and the primary venue for grassroots planning and service delivery, require adequate financial resources to fulfill their mandate. Ensuring their access to a just share of the IRA is essential to sustaining their operations and effectively serving their constituents.

This bill is a refiled version from House Bill No. 3793 filed during the 19th Congress by Rep. Pantaleon D. Alvarez.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY DATU BALONG IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF SAWATA, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

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

1 **SECTION 1.** *Creation of Barangay Datu Balong.* – There is hereby created a barangay to be
2 known as Barangay Datu Balong in the Municipality of Sawata, Province of Davao del Norte.

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4 **SECTION 2.** *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.* – The plebiscite conducted and supervised
5 by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) pursuant to Provincial Ordinance No. 4-91
6 enacted and approved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan on August 28, 1991, which ratified
7 the creation of Barangay Datu Balong as proclaimed by the Plebiscite Board of Canvassers on
8 August 30, 1992 shall serve as a substantial compliance with the plebiscite requirement under
9 Section 10 of Republic Act 7160 as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code
10 of 1991.

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12 **SECTION 3.** *Barangay Officials.* – The incumbent elected barangay officials of Barangay Datu
13 Balong in the Municipality of Sawata, Province of Davao del Norte shall continue to hold
14 office until such time that their successors have been duly elected.

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16 **SECTION 4.** *Public Infrastructure and Facilities.* – All existing public infrastructures and
17 facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby
18 transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new barangay.

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20 **SECTION 5.** *Internal Revenue Allotment Share.* – Barangay Datu Balong shall be entitled to
21 Internal Revenue Allotment shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160
22 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

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24 **SECTION 6.** *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
25 publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

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27 *Approved,*