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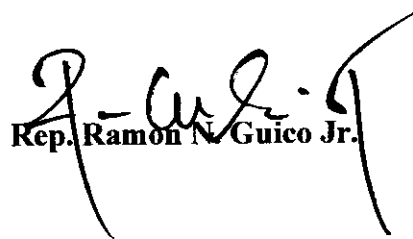
Introduced by **Pangasinan Fifth District Representative**
HON. RAMON N. GUICO JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article III, Section 6 of the 1987 Constitution accords to the Filipino the fundamental right to travel; this is further reinforced by virtue of Republic Act No. 8239, otherwise known as the Philippine Passport Act. In the era of globalization and a rising middle class, outbound travel has become increasingly important for many Filipinos, whether it be for business or pleasure. Evidently, in 2024, departing Filipinos cleared by the Bureau of Immigration reached a total of 8,348,283, a steady increase since travel restrictions resulted to a severe drop in outbound travel during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In recognition of this growing reality, this representation, seeks to improve access to passport and related consular services that will enable our constituents to further exercise their right to travel. Presently, there exists a single DFA Consular Office in Calasiao, Pangasinan servicing a province of about 3.16 million people (PPPDO). For these reasons, this bill shall aim to establish a Passport Service Satellite Office in the Municipality of Binalonan that shall support the DFA Calasiao Consular Office. A parcel of land has already been identified and is ready to be utilized for the purposes of this Act.

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


Rep. Ramon N. Guico Jr.

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A PASSPORT SERVICE SATELLITE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFA) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BINALONAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Establishment of a DFA Passport Service Satellite Office*** – There shall be
2 established, under the supervision of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), a Passport Service
3 Satellite Office in the Municipality of Binalonan, Province of Pangasinan, to provide passport and related
4 consular services to the residents of the area and adjacent local government units (LGUs).

5 **SEC. 2. *Staffing***. – The Secretary of Foreign Affairs shall assign the necessary personnel and
6 provide the appropriate equipment, facilities, and materials for the effective operation of the Passport
7 Service Satellite Office

8 **SEC. 3 *Appropriations***. – The amount necessary for the establishment and operation of the
9 Passport Service Satellite Office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA)
10 following the enactment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations***. – Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of
12 this Act, the Department of Foreign Affairs shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective
13 implementation.

14 **SEC. 5. *Effectivity***. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least
15 two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,