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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The barangay is the basic unit of government. Barangay officials are closest to the people and they deliver the most basic services to their specific neighborhoods. Unfortunately, these same barangay officials have to contend with political changes every three years as they share the same term with city and national officials.

Exercising the power granted by Article X, Section 8 of the 1987 Constitution to fix the terms of barangay officials, Congress should explore the possibility of extending the term of barangay officials to six (6) years for the following reasons:

1. To minimize political interference on the ground level and improve local stability;
2. To allow barangay officials to focus on long-term service goals;
3. To maximize disaster risk and reduction and other training programs for barangay officials; and
4. To save public funds that would have been spent on barangay elections;

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

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

- 1 **Section 1. Extension of Term.** – The term for barangay officials shall be six (6) years. No such  
2 official shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same position.  
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4 **Section 2. Voluntary Renunciation Not An Interruption.** – The voluntary renunciation of office  
5 for any length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of service for  
6 the full term for which the elective official was elected.  
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8 **Section 3. Amendment of Related Laws.** - All relevant laws are, hereby, amended accordingly.  
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10 **Section 4. Effectivity.** This law shall take effect after publication in the Official Gazette and two  
11 (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,