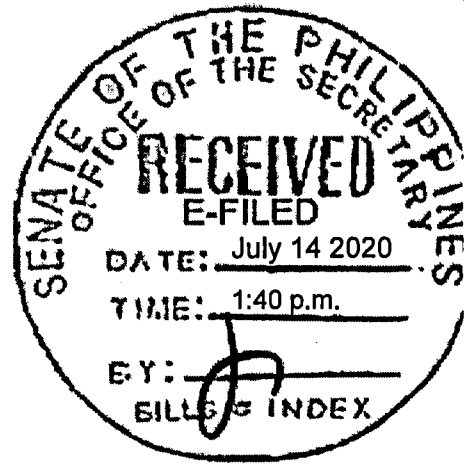


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

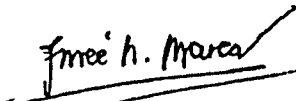
The 1987 Constitution, under Article X, Section 13 states that, "*Local government units may group themselves, consolidate or coordinate their efforts, services, and resources for purposes commonly beneficial to them in accordance with law.*" Good roads are vital for better transport of goods and services, particularly in the rural areas of the country.

Ginatilan is a barangay in the City of Kidapawan, the Capital of Cotabato. As the provincial capital, Kidapawan is the center of trade and commerce, the hub of financial and educational institutions in the Province. Situated at the foot of Mount Apo, Kidapawan is also a popular destination for tourists aiming to climb the Philippines' highest mountain.

Bongolanon is a barangay in the Municipality of Magpet which is an eco-tourism destination, with its fifty-two (52) waterfalls, four (4) big rivers, and hundreds of creeks. Magpet is also the potable water source of its neighboring municipalities. Thus, well-maintained roads should be present in these areas.

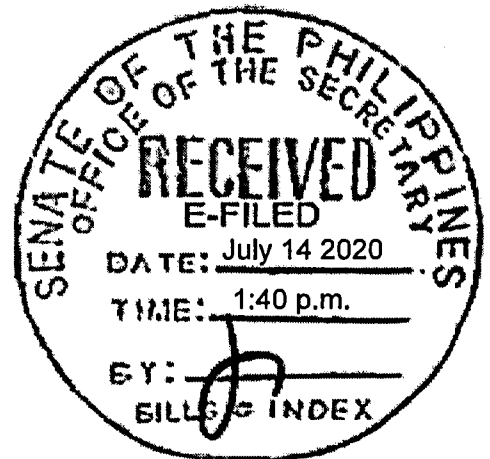
This bill aims to convert the Ginatilan-Bongolanon Road, traversing the City of Kidapawan and the Municipality of Magpet, Province of Cotabato, into a national road. Furthermore, the proposed Ginatilan-Bongolanon national road will not only stimulate the socio-economic development of the City of Kidapawan and Municipality of Magpet, but will also encourage investments and uplift the livelihoods of the neighboring municipalities.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure 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. The Ginatilan-Bongolanon Road traversing the City of Kidapawan
2 and the Municipality of Magpet, Province of Cotabato is hereby converted into a
3 national road.

4 SEC. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the
5 Department's program the repair, maintenance and improvement of the said road, the
6 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

7 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two
8 (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,