The effect of heavy traffic congestion is far and wide. Gridlocks negatively impact the personal lives, careers and safety of all people. The universal complaint is that traffic jams cause too much time wastage, taking away precious moments for family, relaxation, exercise, leisure, and other more productive tasks. Lives are also put in danger as road rage results from the chronic stress and anxiety brought about by heavy traffic. Labor experts have also pointed out that the length of time a worker spends on commuting proportionately lessens productivity and income due to fatigue and low morale. Economic losses result from the numerous hours spent inside vehicles stuck in non-moving thoroughfares. Heavy traffic is a nationwide problem that has pervaded all the major cities and highways including Davao City and its neighboring provinces.

This bill seeks to address the traffic congestion problem in Davao City by constructing a skyway over the major commercial and industrial areas in barangays Tibungco, Panacan and Bunawan. The skyway will provide vehicles an alternative route that will allow them to avoid the heavy congestion caused by the influx of people and automobiles in these zones. This will effectively solve the traffic problems within the city, and shorten the travel time not just of the people of Davao City, but also those coming from Davao Oriental, Davao del Norte, Compostela Valley, Agusan and other adjacent provinces who traverse the roads of Davao City to get to their respective provinces.

Support for this bill is earnestly sought.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 0630

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 4-LANE VIADUCT / SKYWAY IN DAVAO CITY

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

SECTION 1. A four (4) - lane viaduct to be called the Davao City Skyway traversing the entire length of barangays Bunawan, Panakan, and Tibungco in Davao City is hereby created. Necessary entry and exit points shall also be provided with the aim of decongesting land traffic in known commercial and industrial areas within the area.

SECTION 2. - The necessary amount needed for the construction of the Davao City Skyway shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following the enactment of this Act.

SECTION 3. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved.