EXPLANATORY NOTE

In Resolution No. 2016-12 by the 9th Sangguniang Bayan of Ambaguio, Province of Nueva Vizcaya, the Honorable Members aver that the Bayombong-Ambaguio-(Municipalities in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya)-Asipulo-Tinoc (Municipalities in the Province of Ifugao) are Provincial and Municipal Roads that service major agricultural production areas in the region particularly interconnecting the Provinces of Nueva Vizcaya, Ifugao and Benguet. They also asseverate that said road network is the shortest way from the hinterlands to the Nueva Vizcaya Agricultural Terminal (NVAT) which is strategically located at Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya and that the road serves as an alternate route to interconnect several regional centers with booming economic zones and airports like the Bagabag Airport in Nueva Vizcaya, Cauayan, Airport in Isabela, and Loacan Airport in Baguio City and ports like Puro Point in La Union, Port Irene and Santa Ana Port both in Cagayan.

The importance of road linkages cannot be over emphasized. The aforesaid road network caters to the highlands of the Municipality of Ambaguio where many of the renowned “Vizcaya Produce” emanate. Harvests from the fruits and vegetable gardens need to be transported to the agricultural center in Bambang and ultimately to the end consumers at the least possible time since they are perishable.

The conversion of the road network from Municipal or Provincial Road into a National Road will bring about prompt development, improvement and will ensure the proper up-keep and maintenance of the road system.

Foregoing considered, the approval of this bill is very much a priority.

LUISA LLOREN CUARESMA

[Signature]
AN ACT CONVERTING THE BAYOMBONG-AMBAGUIO-ASIPULO-TINOC CAGAYAN VALLEY ROAD (CVR) TO A SECONDARY NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The BAYOMBONG-AMBAGUIO-ASIPULO-TINOC CAGAYAN VALLEY ROAD (CVR) which has an agglomeration of Provincial and Municipal Roads in the Provinces of Nueva Vizcaya and Ifugao is hereby converted to Secondary National Road;

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the department’s program the development/improvement, repair and maintenance of the said road and the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette and in at least two newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,