EXPLANATORY NOTE

In line with our mission of bringing the government closer to the people, this proposed House Bill entitled "An Act Creating a Barangay to be Known as Barangay Cocoy in the Municipality of Tinoc, Province of Ifugao and Appropriating Funds Therefore" is aimed to carve out the isolated sitio of Cocoy from Barangay Tukucan, Tinoc, Ifugao and convert it into a regular barangay to address the difficulty, isolation and challenges faced by its people in the availing of the basic, political, socio-economic and agro-industrial services of the government.

The indigenous people of Sitio Cocoy are deprived from privileges being enjoyed by most of their neighbors due to the geographically disadvantaged location of their place that is hindered by towering mountains that it would take hours for the people to travel and participate on activities imposed by the mother barangay. In order to let the people of Cocoy feel that they are not discounted from society, separating their Sitio from its mother barangay, Barangay Tukucan, and creating it as an independent regular barangay is a chance of a lifetime given to its people to attain self-determination and self-governance towards progress and meaningful development.

Given the situation, it is most respectfully urged that this bill be approved with utmost urgency and significance.

ATTY. SOLOMON R. CHUNGALAO
AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY COCOY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TINOC, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE

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

SECTION 1. CREATION OF BARANGAY COCOY. - Sitio CocoY in Barangay Tukucan, Municipality of Tinoc, Province of Ifugao is hereby separated and constituted into an independent regular Barangay to be known as Barangay CocoY, Municipality of Tinoc, Province of Ifugao

SECTION 2. POLITICAL BOUNDARY. - The technical description of Barangay CocoY in the East shall be, from Agah-Akki to the tri-boundary monument of Barangays Tukucan, Binablayan and Tulludan at Mt. Guibel, all in the Municipality of Tinoc. In the South, from Agah-Akki passing through Baay, Napu, Habit and Mahapilaw National Road then to the road crossing at Munsoyosoy until the existing and recognized boundary line of the Province of Benguet and the Province of Ifugao. In the West, the existing and recognized boundary line between the Provinces of Benguet and Ifugao which is the ridge of Mt. Pulag to Mt. Data in Mountain Province. In the North, from the tri-boundary monument at Mount Guibel following the existing boundary line of Barangay Tukucan to the boundary of Barangays Tulludan and Ahin all in the Municipality of Tinoc, Province of Ifugao.

Barangay CocoY shall consist of the following Sitios to wit:

1. Natpugan  
2. Maleteng  
6. Natalag  
7. Mahapilaw
3. Paltog Balitonog        8. Luta-an

SECTION 3. CONDUCT AND SUPERVISION OF PLEBISCITE. – Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the new Barangay shall exist upon the majority of votes cast by qualified voters of Barangay Tukucan, Municipality of Tinoc, Province of Ifugao in a plebiscite to be conducted upon the supervision of the Commission of Elections (COMELEC) in the area affected, within 90 days from the effectivity of this act.

SECTION 4. BARANGAY OFFICIALS. – The first set of Barangay Officials of Barangay Cocoy shall be appointed by the Provincial Governor of the Province of Ifugao and shall hold office until such time that their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 5. PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURES AND FACILITIES– All existing public infrastructures and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation and shall be administered by the new Barangay Government.

SECTION 6. INTERNAL REVENUE ALLOTMENT SHARES. – Barangay Cocoy shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATIONS. – The amount necessary to conduct the plebiscite as provided for under this act shall be borne by the Municipality of Tinoc, Province of Ifugao.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY. – This Act shall take effect (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or a News Paper of general circulation.

Approved,

__________________________________________  ________________________________