EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 24 of the Philippine constitution provides that, "The State shall ensure the autonomy of local governments". Relative thereto, the Local Government Code also declares under Section 2 that, "it is the policy of the State that its territorial and political subdivisions shall enjoy genuine and meaningful local autonomy to enable them to attain development as self-reliant communities and make them effective partners in the attainment of national goals". However, barangay affairs and operations entail expenditures, which are quite costly.

The barangay is regarded as the basic political unit of government. It serves as the primary planning and frontline implementing unit of government policies, plans, projects, programs, and activities in the community.

This bill seeks to remedy the iniquity and injustice brought about by the last paragraph of Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991. The said paragraph provides that the financial requirement of barangays created by local government units (LGUs) after the effectivity of the Local Government Code shall be the responsibility of the LGUs concerned.

The provision found in Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160 ultimately deprives some barangays of their just and rightful share in the national taxes, as in this case it does with Barangay Tulalian. Hence, this humble Representation seeks for a more expedient remedy for this non-IRA barangay to level the field of opportunity amongst equals through an act of Congress.

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

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AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY TULALIAN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
STO. TOMAS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

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

SECTION 1. Creation of Barangay Tulalian. — There is hereby created a barangay to be known as
Barangay Tulalian in the Municipality of Sto. Tomas, Province of Davao del Norte.

The technical description of Barangay Tulalian, as provided for in Provincial Ordinance No.
007-94, Series — 1994, shall be as follows:

"Beginning at a point marked ‘1’ on the plan

being  S 85° - 00' E  8,020 meters to point 2
Thence  N 02° - 50' W  1,300 meters to point 3
Thence  S 88° - 50' W  8,005 meters to point 4
Thence  S 03° - 00' E  1,900 meters to point of

beginning, containing an area of One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-two (1,282) has., more or
less."

SEC. 2. Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite. — The plebiscite conducted and supervised by the
Commission on Elections (COMELEC) pursuant to Provincial Ordinance No. 007-94, Series — 1994, which
was enacted and passed by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan on 20 July 1994, which ratified the creation of
Barangay Tulalian as proclaimed by the Plebiscite Board of Canvassers on 23 October 1994, shall serve as
a substantial compliance with the plebiscите requirement under Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160 as

SEC. 3. Barangay Officials. — The incumbent elected barangay officials of Barangay Tulalian in the
Municipality of Sto. Tomas, Province of Davao del Norte shall continue to hold office until such time that
their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 4. Public Infrastructure and Facilities. — All public infrastructure and facilities for public use
existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or
compensation to and shall be administered by the new barangay.
SEC 5. Internal Revenue Allotment Share. — Barangay Tulalian 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.

SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause. — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,