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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The concept of the Barangay as the basic unit of Government, is a unique feature of the Philippine democratic system of governance. The Punong Barangay, as head of this unit of government, is therefore also in a unique position in providing government services to their constituencies. Empowering the Punong Barangay to administer oaths -- including the oath of office of the President of the Republic, the highest office in the land, is more than symbolic. This is a confirmation of the important part that the Barangay and its officials, play in the everyday life of the Filipino People.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PUNONG BARANGAY TO ADMINISTER THE OATH OF OFFICE OF ANY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 41 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 41 of Executive Order No. 292 otherwise known as the
2 Administrative Code of 1987 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4 "SECTION 41. Officers Authorized to Administer Oaths. - (1)
5 The following officers have general authority to administer oath: Notaries
6 public, members of the judiciary, clerks of courts, the Secretary of either
7 House of the Congress of the Philippines, of departments, bureau
8 directors, register of deeds, provincial governors and lieutenant-governors,
9 city mayors, municipal mayors, PUNONG BARANGAYS and any other
10 officer in the service of the government of the Philippines whose
11 appointment is vested in the President.

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13 (2) Oaths may be administered by any officer whose duties, as
14 defined by law or regulation, require presentation to him of any statement
15 under oath."
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18 SEC. 2. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations,
19 which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified
20 accordingly.

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22 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least
23 two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
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26 *Approved,*