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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The barangay as one's immediate community plays a significant role in one's personal growth and development as one creates ties to peers, the local sports team, and their neighborhood and its residents. As such, it is important that the barangay is a safe setting where correct values are appreciated, and positive influences are reinforced.

In this era of digital technology, however, people are more susceptible to various forms of influence through multimedia sources, making them more exposed to external influences. The rise of microcelebrities in the form of social media influencers has been widespread causing millions of followers on the digital platform.

Albeit many influencers have had positive effects on followers, especially in pushing for various social advocacies, studies have shown that exposure and consumption of social media are highly linked with tendencies of depression, anxiety, and antisocial personality disorder, to name a few, which can lead to impairments in vital areas of life.

This initiative seeks to promote the beneficial effects of influencers at the barangay level where people can relate to, engage with, and interact with one another in person rather than online. These community influencers could be leaders and champions in public service, volunteer or civic organizations or they could be strong advocates for education, climate change impact, reproductive health, and care for the elderly among others.

The purpose of this measure is to honor and celebrate excellent residents of the Barangay naming them "Pambihirang Mamayan ng San

Agustin", who can influence others within the barangay and inspire more leaders and champions in the community who may serve as role models, particularly for the younger generations.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is urgently sought.

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

SECTION 1. ***Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the "Pambihirang Mamamayan sa Barangay San Agustin Act"

SECTION 2. ***Recognizing the Pambihirang Mamamayan in the Barangay.*** – The barangay shall award seven (7) exemplary citizens, of any age, from the barangay who embody leadership skills, integrity, perseverance, and service for others. The awardee shall come from the nominations of citizens who have proven records and evidence that they have either served or are strong advocates of education, health, environment, public safety, entertainment, nongovernment or civic organizations, or the government among others.

SECTION 3. ***Selection Board.***- The barangay shall create a selection board that will set the criteria for the nominees and the awardees. The Board shall consist of barangay officials who shall create the following:

1. The Selection Committee, which shall comprise five (5) Barangay officials and a jury who may or may not be residents of the barangay.
2. Criteria for Qualified Nominees,
3. Schedule the call for nominations
4. Awarding which shall be done before the end of every January

SECTION 4. Honorarium and Benefits. – All qualified awardees, shall be honored with:

1. A letter of felicitation from the Barangay Captain and the Quezon City District V Representative;
2. A monetary gift of not more than Php 5,000.

SECTION 5. ***Funding.*** – The requisite fund shall be sourced from the available funds of the Barangay.

SECTION 6. ***Implementing Rules and Regulation.*** Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Barangay shall promulgate necessary guidelines for and shall take the lead in the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 7. ***Repealing Clause.*** –All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. ***Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,