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The Honorable Mark Llandro L. Mendoza is a second-term Member of the House of Representatives representing the Fourth Congressional District of the Province of Batangas. Congressman Mendoza's District comprised of the City of Lipa and the six municipalities of Ibaan, Padre Garcia, Rosario, San Jose, San Juan and Taysan. He traces his humble roots from the well-known Mendoza's in the Province of Batangas. He is the third of six children of former Executive Secretary Leandro R. Mendoza, who hails from San Juan, Batangas, and the former Soledad Latorre, who hails from Lambunao, Iloilo. He and his wife, former Rochelle Sarmiento, are gifted with five kids, namely: Marcus Dominic, Martha Nicole, Marc Joshua, Mark Leandro, and Maxene Julia.

"Dong," as close friends and relatives fondly call him, has been in the public service beginning his first term as Representative for the Fourth District of the Province of Batangas. Before the advent of his political career, he had a fairly extensive experience in socio - civic works with his memberships in various volunteer groups and non-government organizations since his student days in De La Salle University where he earned his degree in Business Administration. He is also the Past President of the Rotary Club of Lipa and led the organization with its community services providing assistance to disadvantaged population in their jurisdiction. Additionally, he is a proud member of Tagapagpatupad Class of 1992 of the Philippine National Police Academy (PNPA).

This 15th Congress, Dong was elected as the Secretary-General of the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC), one of the well - established and respectable political parties in the Philippines. As NPC Secretary-General, he is entrusted to oversee the matters and concerns of his 40 colleagues in the House of Representatives.

Dong at age 37, belongs to the young but equally well - experienced Members of the House of Representatives. As a diligent Legislator, Dong now chairs the House Committee on Agriculture and Food and an active member of the following committees: Appropriations, Basic Education and Culture, Government Enterprises and Privatization, Health, Higher and Technical Education, Justice, Legislative Franchises, National Defense and Security, Overseas Workers Affairs, Public Order and Safety, Tourism, Transportation and Youth and Sports Development. And as a dedicated lawmaker, he sponsors and co-authors various house measures that tackle on issues relating to health, security, education, children, agriculture and the concerns of his district.

In the previous Congress, Dong has authored various House bills and resolutions of both local and national significance. Some of which were enacted into laws including REPUBLIC ACT No. 9993, "THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD LAW;" Republic Act No. 9502, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CHEAPER AND QUALITY MEDICINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT Nb. 8293 OR THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CODE, REPUBLIC ACT No. 6675 OR THE GENERICS ACT OF 1988, AND REPUBLIC ACT No. 5921 OR THE PHARMACY LAW, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES;" and REPUBLIC ACT 9710, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MAGNA CARTA OF WOMEN," among others.

Dong is a proven hard-working Congressman of the Fourth District of the Province of Batangas. His priority projects truly address the local concerns of his constituents in his Congressional District. As early as 6 months after assumption of office during his first term, he already initiated the “Dong HELPS Program, “where his constituents are given greater access to affordable and yet quality medicines. In this program, he collaborated with the Department of Health (DOH) and mobilized the barangay officials and various organizations and facilitated the release of funds to launch 136 Botika ng Barangay throughout the Fourth District of Batangas. Through this, his District achieved the DOH benchmark level of 1 Botika ng Barangay for every 2 Barangays in which Dong was awarded by the Department of Health a commendation as recognition to his determination to make basic medicines more accessible to his constituents.

Part of Dong’s flagship programs for accessible health care services are his medical missions and distribution of free medicines. In summer of 2010 alone, the medical missions which were conducted in his District benefited roughly 34,000 indigent patients. Additionally, he provides medical and financial assistance as well as hospitalization subsidies to assist his constituents in their hospitalization needs.

Dong fully supports the provision of quality education for the youth. His scholarship program aims to provide assistance to less privilege but deserving students in his District. He has allocated a substantial amount through his Priority Development Assistance Fund and Congressional Initiative for continuing scholarship support to 2,700 Batangas State University students, the biggest number of scholars for a congressman in the Province of Batangas. This is because he strongly believes that education is the best social equalizer. Also, he has existing 125 college scholars from Commission on Higher Education (CHED) scholarship program. His office also continues to support the Miscellaneous Fees of more than 8,000 high school students enrolled in various public high schools in the district.

To further support the public education system in the Fourth District of the Province of Batangas, his priorities for infrastructure program includes improvement of education facilities to make them conducive for learning. The allocation of fund for the Fourth District of the Province of Batangas for the construction, repair and rehabilitation of school building has dramatically increased from P3 million in 2008 to P18 million in 2009.

To widen the job opportunities and alternative source of income for his constituents, Dong sponsors various livelihood trainings and education for out of school youth, women, elderly and other sector groups in his District. He also allocated P 25,000 for every barangay as funding support for the SAMAKA livelihood projects.

To further strengthen the campaign for peace and order among the 7 local government units in his District, Dong provided ambulances, firetrucks, barangay service vehicles and motorcycles. He recognizes that this does not only promote security of his constituents but also an effective tool in promoting the different tourist destinations in District.