

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 9346

BY REPRESENTATIVES ERICE, ROMULO, YAP (E.), NIETO AND SAVELLANO, PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 962

AN ACT
DECLARING THE SAN ROQUE PARISH IN CALOOCAN CITY A NATIONAL
HISTORICAL SITE FOR HISTORY, FREEDOM, AND INDEPENDENCE,
PROVIDING FOR ITS PRESERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** It is hereby declared the policy of the State to preserve
2 historical sites, monuments and other relics that represent the Filipino heritage and
3 culture and should therefore be under the protection of the State.
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5 **SEC. 2.** Consistent with the constitutional mandate to preserve, promote
6 and popularize the nation's historical heritage, the San Roque Parish of Caloocan
7 City, an edifice constructed in 1765 A.D. and where events of national significance
8 took place to bear witness to the nation's struggle to attain freedom, is hereby
9 declared a National Historical Site for History, Freedom and Independence having
10 served as a refuge to General Antonio Luna and Colonel Mamerto Natividad and
11 their men when, on February 10, 1899, during the Philippine-American War of 1899-
12 1902, the 20th Kansas Regiment advanced to Caloocan with support from the USS
13 Monadnock and USS Charleston, and bombarded the town with naval gunfire,
14 claiming the lives of Filipino soldiers who fought valiantly to defend the nation from
15 foreign subjugation.
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17 **SEC. 3.** The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) shall
18 exercise supervision over the preservation of the aforesaid site and shall, within
19 ninety (90) days, issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the
20 provisions of this Act.
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22 **SEC. 4.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall
23 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

1 **SEC. 5.** In order to afford the people an opportunity to participate in
2 supporting the preservation, reconstruction and rehabilitation of the shrine, the
3 NHCP is hereby authorized to organize and undertake a national fund campaign for
4 the purpose of raising funds from private sources.

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6 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
7 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,