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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 171

Submitted by the Committee on Foreign Affairs on DEC 18 2019

Re: House Resolution No. 633

Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Bill No. 4444

Sponsor: Representative Ann K. Hofer

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Foreign Affairs to which was referred **House Bill No. 4444**, introduced by Representative Rudy S. Caoagdan, DPA, entitled:

“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGULAR DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS’ CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF COTABATO, PARTICULARLY IN KIDAPAWAN CITY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 633, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE CITY OF KIDAPAWAN, PROVINCE OF COTABATO”

be adopted in substitution of House Bill No. 4444 with Representatives Rudy S. Caoagdan, DPA, and Ann K. Hofer as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

ANN K. HOFER
Chairperson
Committee on Foreign Affairs

The Honorable Speaker
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 633

Introduced by Representatives Rudy S. Caoagdan, DPA, and Ann K. Hofer

RESOLUTION
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A
CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE CITY OF KIDAPAWAN, PROVINCE OF COTABATO

1 **WHEREAS**, basic consular services, such as the issuance of passports, are
2 among the government services needed by the people of the City of Kidapawan,
3 Cotabato;

4 **WHEREAS**, the residents of the city have to travel to the Cities of Davao,
5 General Santos or Cagayan de Oro which is both expensive and time-consuming in
6 order to apply for or renew their passports;

7 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of a Department of Foreign Affairs Consular
8 Office (DFA-CO) in the City of Kidapawan will also benefit the residents of nearby
9 municipalities of the Provinces of Lanao del Sur, Sultan Kudarat, and Maguindanao;

10 **WHEREAS**, the creation of new DFA-COs is part of the mandate of the
11 Department of Foreign Affairs under Executive Order No. 45, series of 2017;

12 **WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 45 which likewise provides for the criteria for
13 opening additional DFA-COs such as its projected number of clientele and income,
14 shall be subject to the approval of the President and the availability of funds as
15 recommended by the Department of Budget and Management;

16 **RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF**
17 **REPRESENTATIVES**, To urge the Department of Foreign Affairs to establish a
18 Consular Office in the City of Kidapawan, Province of Cotabato.

Adopted,