Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 172

Submitted by the Committee on Foreign Affairs on DEC 18 2019

Re: House Resolution No. 634

Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Bill No. 4631

Sponsor: Representative Ann K. Hofer

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Foreign Affairs to which was referred House Bill No. 4631, introduced by Representative Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN VIGAN CITY, ILOCOS SUR AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 634, entitled:

"RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE CITY OF VIGAN, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR"

be adopted in substitution of House Bill No. 4631 with Representatives Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, and Ann K. Hofer as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

ANN K. HOFER
Chairperson
Committee on Foreign Affairs

The Honorable Speaker
House of Representatives
Quezon City
RESOLUTION
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO
ESTABLISH A CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE CITY OF VIGAN,
PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR

WHEREAS, the population of the Province of Ilocos Sur has increased significantly in recent years and is now seeking better access to government services;

WHEREAS, basic consular services, such as the issuance of passports, are among the government services needed by the people of the province;

WHEREAS, the residents of the city have to endure hours of travel and unnecessary expense in order to apply for or renew their passports;

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Department of Foreign Affairs Consular Office (DFA-CO) in the City of Vigan will benefit not only the residents of Ilocos Sur but those from other nearby provinces as well;

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

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

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To urge the Department of Foreign Affairs to establish a Consular Office in the City of Vigan, Province of Ilocos Sur.

Adopted,