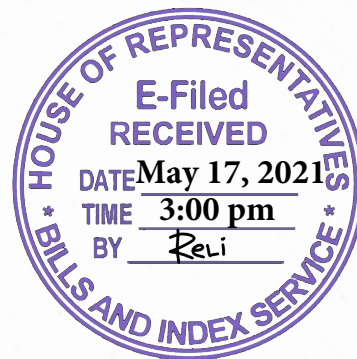


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 962

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and Committee on Appropriations on May 17, 2021.

Re : **House Bill No. 9346**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3222.

Sponsors : Reps. Romulo and E. Yap

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture and Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 3222, introduced by Rep. Edgar R. Erice, entitled:

AN ACT

DECLARING SAN ROQUE PARISH IN CALOOCAN CITY AS A NATIONAL LANDMARK AND SHRINE FOR HISTORY, FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, CALLING FOR ITS PRESERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9346, entitled:

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 approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3222, with Reps. Erice, Romulo, E. Yap and Nieto as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9346
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Introduced by Reps. Erice, Romulo, E. Yap and Nieto

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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.
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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.

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9 *Approved,*