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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 712

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and Committee on Appropriations on APR 04 2018

Re : **House Bill No. 7501**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2764.

Sponsors : Representatives Durano, Nograles (K.A.) and Erice

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture and Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 2764 introduced by Representatives 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

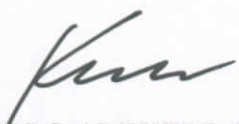
have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 7501, entitled:

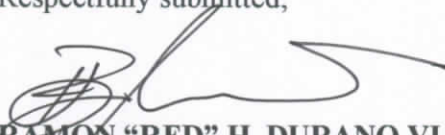
AN ACT

DECLARING SAN ROQUE CATHEDRAL IN CALOOCAN CITY AS A NATIONAL LANDMARK AND SHRINE FOR HISTORY, FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, CALLING FOR ITS PRESERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 2764, with Representatives Erice, Durano and Nograles (K.A.) as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations


RAMON "RED" H. DURANO VI
Chairperson
Committee on Basic Education and Culture

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 7501
(In substitution of House Bill Number 2764)

Introduced by Representatives Erice, Durano, and Nograles (K.A)

AN ACT
DECLARING SAN ROQUE CATHEDRAL IN CALOOCAN CITY AS A NATIONAL LANDMARK AND SHRINE FOR HISTORY, FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE, CALLING 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. Statement of Policy** – It is the policy of the State to preserve historical
2 sites, monuments and other relics that represent the Filipino heritage and culture, and
3 which should, therefore, be under the protection of the State.
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5 **Sec. 2. Declaration as National Landmark and Shrine.** – Consistent with the
6 constitutional mandate to preserve, promote and popularize the nation's historical heritage,
7 the San Roque Cathedral of Caloocan City, an edifice constructed in 1765 A.D. which
8 witnessed the nation's struggle to attain freedom, is hereby declared a national landmark
9 and shrine for history, freedom and independence to underscore the immense contribution
10 of the Christian faith to the enrichment and vibrancy of our civilization.
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12 **Sec. 3. Power of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.** – For
13 this purpose, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) shall exercise
14 supervision over the preservation of the aforesaid site and shall issue the necessary rules
15 and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.
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17 **Sec. 4. Appropriations.** – The Chairperson of the NHCP shall immediately include
18 in the Commission's program the operationalization of the San Roque Cathedral as a
19 national landmark and shrine for history, freedom and independence, the funding of which
20 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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22 **Sec. 5. Fund-raising Program.** – In order to afford the people an opportunity to
23 participate in financing the preservation, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of the shrine,
24 the NHCP is hereby authorized to organize and undertake a national fund campaign for the
25 purpose of raising funds from private sources.
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27 **Sec. 6. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
28 publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.
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30 Approved,

**House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department**

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 2764 7501

(In substitution of House Bill No.)

As Approved by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and
Committee on Appropriations on 27 Nov. 2017 and 24 January 2018, respectively

**DECLARING SAN ROQUE CATHEDRAL IN CALOOCAN CITY AS
NATIONAL LANDMARK AND SHRINE**

Introduced by: REPS. EDGAR R. ERICE and RAMON "RED" H. DURANO VI

Committee Referral: Committee on Basic Education and Culture (Primary)

Committee Chairperson: REP. RAMON "RED" H. DURANO VI

Committee Referral: Committee on Appropriations (Secondary)

Committee Chairperson: REP. KARLO ELEXEI B. NOGRALES

OBJECTIVE:

- To acknowledge the San Roque Cathedral as a national landmark and shrine for history, freedom and independence

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Declares the San Roque Cathedral in Caloocan City as a national landmark and shrine
- Mandates the NHCP to exercise supervision over the preservation of the aforesaid site and shall issue the necessary rules and regulations
- Authorizes the Chairperson of the NHCP to include in the Commission's program the operationalization of the San Roque Cathedral as a national landmark and shrine, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual GAA.
- Authorizes NHCP to organize and undertake a national fund campaign for the purpose of raising funds from private sources for the reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of the shrine.

RELATED LAW:

- The 1987 Philippine Constitution