COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 944

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on May 10, 2021.
Re: House Resolution No. 1757

Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 712.
Sponsors: Reps. R. Romulo and F. Robes

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture to which was referred House Resolution No. 712, introduced by Rep. Florida P. Robes, entitled:

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BID OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE IN BULACAN TO BECOME A “UNESCO CREATIVE CITY” AND BE INCLUDED IN THE UNESCO CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK (UCCN) TO GIVE HONOR AND PRIDE TO THE COUNTRY

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 1757, entitled:

RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BID OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE DESIGNATED AS “UNESCO CREATIVE CITY IN MEDIA ARTS” AND BE INCLUDED IN THE UNESCO CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK

be adopted in substitution of House Resolution No. 712, with Reps. F. Robes and R. Romulo as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairperson
Committee on Basic Education and Culture

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY
WHEREAS, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) seeks to build peace through international cooperation in education, the sciences, and culture;

WHEREAS, the UNESCO Creative Cities Network which covers seven (7) creative fields, namely, Crafts and Folk Arts, Design, Film, Gastronomy, Literature, Media Arts, and Music was created in 2004 to promote cooperation with and among cities that have identified creativity as a strategic factor for sustainable urban development;

WHEREAS, by joining the UNESCO Creative Cities Network, member cities commit to share best practices, develop partnerships and work together towards a common objective of placing creativity and cultural industries at the heart of their development plans at the local level in order to make cities inclusive, safe, resilient, sustainable and cooperating actively at the international level;

WHEREAS, on 10 February 2020, the City of San Jose Del Monte, Province of Bulacan, unveiled the Rising HeARt, a heart shaped art installation which also serves as a repository for locks of visiting couples pledging their love to each other;

WHEREAS, the Rising HeARt, situated in Barangay Paradise 3, likewise symbolizes the city’s constant aspiration to uphold love and compassion at all times in spite of the crises and challenges that confront the nation;

WHEREAS, being an interactive multi-media art installation, the Rising HeARt shall encourage people to pledge their love and commitment not only to their partners, friends, and loved ones but also towards their own country and the causes they support and hold dear;
WHEREAS, the Rising HeARt seeks to symbolize the City of San Jose Del Monte as a bastion of love and compassion and thus, inspire generations of Filipinos in the city and other parts of the country to promote peace, love and commitment for one another;

WHEREAS, the City of San Jose Del Monte has organized a three-year calendar of activities that creatively express goals, ideals, and aspirations through various media like photography, video, audio, and other forms of interactive media, thus showcasing Philippine art and cultural heritage as a chronicle of the nation’s aspirations for growth and development;

WHEREAS, Baguio City, designated as a UNESCO City for Craft and Folk Arts, and Cebu City, designated for Design, are the only cities in the country that are included in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network which to date has two hundred forty-six (246) member cities from all continents and regions;

WHEREAS, the bid of the City of San Jose Del Monte for inclusion as member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network, if successful, will give due recognition to and showcase the creativity of the Filipinos in Media Arts;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, to express the full support of the House of Representatives to the bid of the City of San Jose Del Monte, Province of Bulacan, to be designated as “UNESCO Creative City in Media Arts” and be included in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network.

Adopted,