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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1053

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on June 10, 2021
Re: House Resolution No. 1886
Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Resolution No. 1435
Sponsors: Representatives Romulo and Legarda

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture, to which was referred House Resolution No. 1435, introduced by Representative Legarda, entitled:

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS (NCCA) AND OTHER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ENSURE THE CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE ANTIQUE RICE TERRACES OF THE IRAYNON-BUKIDNON AS AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL HERITAGE FOR THE SAKE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 1886, entitled:

RESOLUTION

be adopted in substitution of House Resolution No. 1435, with Representatives Legarda and Romulo as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

ROMAN T. ROMULO  
Chairperson  
Committee on Basic Education and Culture

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER  
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1886  
(In substitution of House Resolution No. 1435)  

Introduced by Representatives Legarda and Romulo  

RESOLUTION  


WHEREAS, the Constitution mandates the State to conserve, develop, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, and artistic creations. It further provides that all the country's artistic and historic wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the nation that must be protected by the State;  

WHEREAS, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10066, otherwise known as “National Heritage Act of 2009”, provides that in the pursuit of cultural preservation as a strategy for maintaining Filipino identity, the State shall protect, preserve, conserve, and promote the nation's cultural heritage, its property and histories, and the ethnicity of local communities. It shall further administer the heritage resources in a spirit of stewardship for the inspiration and benefit of the present and future generations;  

WHEREAS, pursuant to these legal frameworks, the Antique Rice Terraces, including its flora and fauna in the area and the ethnic heritage of the Iraynon-Bukidnon indigenous people, are considered as national cultural treasures that must be conserved, preserved, and protected;  

WHEREAS, the Antique Rice Terraces, which is a cluster of rice terraces spread in a combined area of 600 hectares, located in the mountainous area of Barangay Fullon, Municipality of San Remigio, Province of Antique and preserved by the Iraynon-Bukidnon people, one of the indigenous groups in the province;  

WHEREAS, the Iraynon-Bukidnon indigenous people, who continue to be stewards of the Antique Rice Terraces, have a rich cultural heritage and have managed to retain and practice their unique agricultural traditions that have been handed down from generation to generation;  

WHEREAS, while public attention to Antique Rice Terraces may bring about development and progress for the economy and tourism in the area, the resulting escalation of human commercial activity may, however, imperil the environment and compromise indigenous culture and traditions;
WHEREAS, the Antique Rice Terraces and the ethnic heritage and traditions of the Iraynon-Bukidnon indigenous people must be conserved, preserved, and protected by the National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and its affiliated cultural agencies as mandated by R.A. 10066 and other relevant laws:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, To urge the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and other relevant government agencies to ensure the conservation, preservation, and protection of the Antique Rice Terraces and the ethnic heritage and traditions of the Iraynon-Bukidnon indigenous people residing in the Municipality of San Remigio, Province of Antique for the appreciation and benefit of the present and future generations;

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the NCCA and its affiliated cultural agencies.

Adopted,