Submitted by the Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations on August 9, 2021
Re: House Bill No. 9951

Recommend its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7553

Sponsors: Representatives Sol Aragones, Eric Go Yap and Antonio “Tonypet” T. Albano

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 7553, introduced by Representative Antonio “Tonypet” T. Albano, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE SAINT MATTHIAS PARISH CHURCH, TUMAUINI, PROVINCE OF ISABELA A TOURIST DESTINATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9951, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF THE SAINT MATTHIAS PARISH CHURCH LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUMAUINI, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, A TOURISM DESTINATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

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THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9951
(In substitution of House Bill No. 7553)


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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. The immediate environs of the Saint Matthias Parish Church located in the Municipality of Tumauini, Province of Isabela, is hereby declared a tourism destination. As such, the development of the immediate environs of the Saint Matthias Parish Church shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the municipal government of Tumauini and other concerned agencies, subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

SEC. 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), the municipal government of Tumauini and other concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that
shall include the construction, installation and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and
infrastructure to improve the overall features of the immediate environs surrounding the Saint
Matthias Parish Church, thereby ensuring its accessibility and the security of tourists:
Provided, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the
historical significance of the area.

SEC. 3. The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps to
implement the tourism development plan for the immediate environs of the Saint Matthias
Parish Church, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the
calendar year immediately succeeding the approval of this Act.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department’s program the
implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the
Department.

SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall, in
consultation with the municipal government of Tumauini, promulgate the necessary rules and
regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,