



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4953

BY REPRESENTATIVES FORTUN, ROMULO, OLIVAREZ, FORTUNO,
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PANOTES, GUICO, TUTOR, BARBA, CASTELO, ANDAYA, SAULOG,
BORDADO, GULLAS, RODRIGUEZ, MANGAOANG, RADAZA,
GARCIA (V.) AND BENITEZ, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 60

AN ACT DECLARING THE BALANGAY AS THE NATIONAL BOAT OF
THE PHILIPPINES

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

1 SECTION 1. It is the policy of the State to promote and
2 inculcate nationalism and pride in the cultural and historical
3 heritage of the nation. Furthermore, the State shall instill and foster
4 appreciation of the country's national symbols that embody the ideals
5 and traditions of the nation.

6 SEC. 2. The Balangay is a testament to the early Filipino's
7 boatbuilding genius and seafaring expertise and an embodiment of
8 the Filipino community's ideals of solidarity, unity, resilience,
9 courage, and bravery.

10 SEC. 3. The Balangay, found in Butuan City, and as may be
11 found elsewhere in the country, is hereby declared the National Boat
12 of the Philippines.

1 SEC. 4. All laws, decrees, orders, and rules and regulations
2 contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
3 repealed or amended accordingly.

4 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
5 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
6 circulation.

Approved,

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