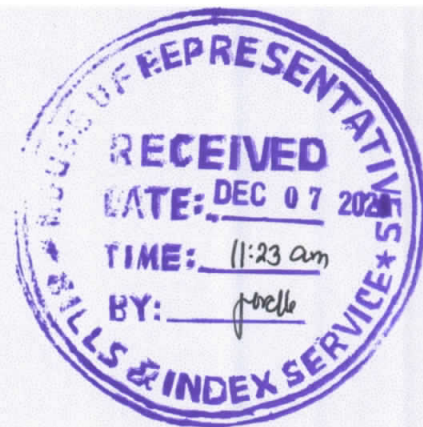


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Introduced by **REP. MARIA FE R. ABUNDA**
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**A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE PHILIPPINE PART IN THE FIRST CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF
THE WORLD ON THE ISLAND OF HOMONHON ON MARCH 17, 1521.**

WHEREAS, during the first circumnavigation of the globe, Ferdinand Magellan and his fleet of ships sighted the island of Homonhon on March 16, 1521. It was the first major landmass that Magellan and his crew sighted since leaving South America.

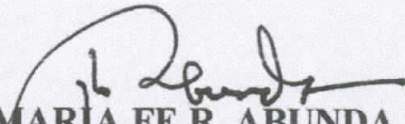
WHEREAS, after the sighting, the fleet sailed south along the coast of what is now the province of Eastern Samar. The following day, the expedition sailed along the southernmost point of what is now present day Guiuan. They made their return to Homonhon and landed on March 17, 1521, marking the first landing made by Europeans on what later became Philippine soil. The crew replenished their supplies and made camp on the island.

WHEREAS, on March 18, 1521, a boat from Suluan met with the crew to provide food and other provisions. In exchange, Magellan and his crew gifted clothes and other items from Europe. This was the first recorded interaction between our ancestors and the crew. Four days later on March 22, 1521, the people of Suluan returned with more food and provisions. As a result, the crew of Magellan were able to recover and were well-rested. The next day, they set sail in search of the Moluccas islands.

WHEREAS, five hundred years ago, the Portugese explorer landed in the Philippine Archipelago, which proved to be the start of centuries of Spanish colonization of the Philippines and formed an integral role in the expansion of Philippine culture and tradition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to commemorate the five hundredth (500th) anniversary of Philippine part in the first circumnavigation of the world on the island of Homonhon on March 17, 1521 -- the beginning of one of the most important historical events in the life of the Philippines.

Adopted,


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