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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 168

Submitted by the Committee on Foreign Affairs on DEC 18 2019

Re: House Resolution No. 630

Recommending its adoption in substitution of House Bill No. 93

Sponsor: Representative Ann K. Hofer

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Foreign Affairs to which was referred **House Bill No. 93**, introduced by Representative Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING AN EXTENSION OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN CALBAYOG CITY, SAMAR PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Resolution No. 630, entitled:

“RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE CITY OF CALBAYOG, PROVINCE OF SAMAR”

be adopted in substitution of House Bill No. 93 with Representatives Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento, and Ann K. Hofer as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

ANN K. HOFER
Chairperson
Committee on Foreign Affairs

The Honorable Speaker
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 630

Introduced by Representatives Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento, and Ann K. Hofer

RESOLUTION
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A
CONSULAR OFFICE IN THE CITY OF CALBAYOG, PROVINCE OF SAMAR

1 **WHEREAS**, the population of Province of Samar increased significantly in
2 recent years and is seeking better access to government services;

3 **WHEREAS**, basic consular services, such as the issuance of passports, are
4 among the government services needed by the people of the province;

5 **WHEREAS**, the residents of the province have to travel long distances to the
6 City of Tacloban in the Province of Leyte, the Province of Cebu, or Metro Manila in
7 order to apply for or renew their passports;

8 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of the Department of Foreign Affairs Consular
9 Office (DFA-CO) in Calbayog City, Samar will address the consular needs of the
10 residents of the province as well as those from Northern Samar;

11 **WHEREAS**, the creation of new DFA-COs is part of the mandate of the
12 Department of Foreign Affairs under Executive Order No. 45, series of 2017;

13 **WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 45 which likewise provides for the criteria for
14 opening additional DFA-COs such as its projected number of clientele and income,
15 shall be subject to the approval of the President and the availability of funds as
16 recommended by the Department of Budget and Management;

17 **RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF**
18 **REPRESENTATIVES**, To urge the Department of Foreign Affairs to establish a
19 Consular Office in the City of Calbayog, Province of Samar.

Adopted,