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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 568

Submitted by the Committee on Tourism on OCT 22 2020
Re : House Bill No. 7917
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3292
Sponsors : Rep. Sol Aragones and Rep. Adolf Edward G. Plaza

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism, to which was referred House Bill No. 3292, introduced by Rep. Adolf Edward G. Plaza, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AS THE HOME OF THE
GOLDEN TARA

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 7917, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AS THE HOME OF THE
GOLDEN TARA

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3292 with Representatives Adolf Edward G. Plaza, Sol Aragones, Alfel M. Bascug, Juliette T. Uy, Micaela S. Violago, Ciriaco B. Gato, Jr., Fernando T. Cabredo, Arnold "Noli" D. Celeste and Irene Gay F. Saulog as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sol Aragones".

REP. SOL ARAGONES
Chairperson
Committee on Tourism

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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(In substitution of House Bill No. 3292)

Introduced by Representatives Adolf Edward G. Plaza, Sol Aragones,
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**AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR AS THE HOME OF
THE GOLDEN TARA**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** It is the policy of the State to preserve and promote historical and
2 cultural artifacts.

3 The Province of Agusan del Sur is hereby declared as the Home of the Golden Tara, a
4 21-karat gold statuette of a female Hindu deity that dates back to the 9th-10th centuries and
5 was found in 1917 on the banks of the Wawa River in the Municipality of Esperanza,
6 Province of Agusan del Sur. Presently on display in the Field Museum of Natural History in
7 Chicago, United States of America, it is considered a testament to the rich cultural heritage of
8 Agusan del Sur and to its fine crafting tradition that already existed during pre-colonial times.

9 **Sec. 2.** The Department of Tourism (DOT) shall feature the Golden Tara and the rich
10 cultural heritage of Agusan del Sur in the Department's overall tourism promotion program.

11 **Sec. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
12 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

13 Approved,