



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6149

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“AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES AS THE ABACA CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES”

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

SECTION 1. – Section 1, Article XII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall promote industrialization and full employment based on sound agricultural development and agrarian reform, through industries that make full and efficient use of human and natural resources, which are competitive in both domestic and foreign markets.

Towards this end, the State hereby recognizes the importance of Abaca as driver of rural development not only because of its singular potential as a raw material of various products that can increase the country's export earnings tremendously, but for having provided livelihood to many small farmers in the countryside, especially in the province of Catanduanes.

SECTION 2. – In recognition of its status as the country's biggest producer of Abaca and its vital contribution in making the Philippines the largest producer of Abaca fiber by supplying 87% of the world's Abaca requirement, the province of Catanduanes is hereby declared the Abaca Capital of the Philippines.

SECTION 3. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,