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HOUSE BILL NO. 1056

Introduced by Honorable Solomon R. Chungalao

EXPLANATORY NOTE

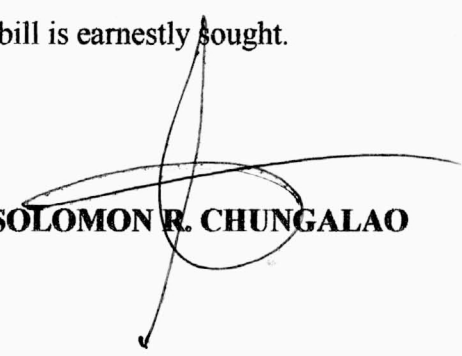
This bill seeks to establish a FILIPINO-JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN right at the place where the late GEN. TOMOYOKI YAMASHITA, known as the TIGER OF MALAYA, had built his bunker during his last stand in the last World War II located at Abatan, Hungduan but most likely within the tri-boundary of the Municipalities of Hungduan, Tinoc and Kiangnan, all in the province of Ifugao. The construction of a Filipino-Japanese Friendship Garden in the area is to commemorate the sacrifices of both Filipino and Japanese soldiers that died in the area in the last World War II.

It is a concrete step towards cementing the present cordial relationship between the country and Japan that has become one of the major players in economic development in the region and the world today. It is significant to note that the establishment of this Filipino-Japanese Friendship Garden in the very bunker of the late Gen. Tomoyoki Yamashita and where he was by all indication captured which ended the war in the Philippines would give honor to the valiant soldiers of both country that fought and died in the area for love of their country.

It likewise is a step towards the development of the said municipalities, more specifically Hungduan and Tinoc, in the Province of Ifugao which also used to be one municipality where the Filipino-America Guerrilla Forces established their hideouts and later on as already stated, where the retreating Japanese Forces in the last World War II led by the famous Tiger of Malaya, the late Gen. Tomoyoki Yamashita, made their stand and surrendered to Filipino guerrilla forces. It was here where Filipino guerrilla forces captured the Tiger of Malaya, the late Gen. Tomoyoki Yamashita, and brought to Kiangnan, Ifugao to be formally surrendered to the American Forces.

With the establishment of the Filipino-Japanese Friendship Garden, there will definitely be a boost to the tourism industry of the area and the country. Thus, in line with the Province's goal of generating additional resources for its various development undertaking through the sustainable and effective utilization of its resources, this proposed measure is being submitted for consideration. Favorable action on this proposed measure would thus constitute a major contribution to the realization of the long aspired for full development of the Province of Ifugao.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A FILIPINO-JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN PRINCIPALLY IN BARANGAY ABATAN, HUNGDUAN AND WITHIN THE TRI-BOUNDARY OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF HUNGDUAN, TINOC, AND KIANGAN, ALL IN IFUGAO PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a FILIPINO-JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN, principally in Barangay Abatan, Hungduan and within the tri-boundary of the Municipalities of Hungduan, Tinoc, and Kiangan, all in the Province of Ifugao under the supervision of the Department of Tourism.

SECTION 2. The Department of Tourism, in coordination with the Philippine Tourism Authority and other concerned agencies of government shall prepare and carry out the appropriate facilities and infrastructure for said friendship garden, subject to set tourism standards: Provided, that said development plan shall ensure the preservation of the ecological balance and natural beauty of the area.

SECTION 3. The Department of Tourism shall take immediate steps to implement said development plan and incorporate the same in the department's overall tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

SECTION 4. The Department of Tourism shall likewise promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 5. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,