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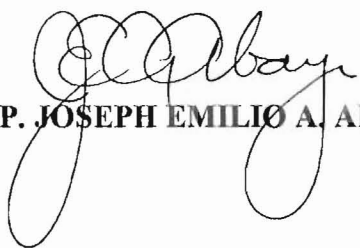
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Cavite contributed immensely in shaping our national history. It led the struggle for independence against the Spanish colonizers in 1896. It was the home of many of our national heroes, not to mention the First President of the Republic, Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo. It was the birthplace of the Philippine flag and our national anthem. And it was the venue of the declaration of our independence in 1898.

Yet with all these significant events in our history taking place in Cavite, its prominence remains only in the pages of our history books. It is high time that we give due recognition to the important role played by the Province of Cavite in our nation's heritage.

This bill therefore seeks to declare the Province of Cavite as the historical capital of the Philippines – an honor which it rightfully deserves. In this manner, Cavite shall claim her rightful place in our historical landscape and the inordinate sacrifices of her people in fighting for our independence shall be amply recognized. It is likewise expected that this measure will also boost tourism in the province.

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


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**AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE AS THE
HISTORICAL CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES**

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

Section 1. The Province of Cavite is hereby declared as the historical capital of the Philippines.

Sec. 2. The Department of Tourism and the National Historical Institute, in coordination with the local government units of the Province of Cavite, shall prepare a historico-tourism master plan and promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to protect and conserve the historical landmarks in the Province and to promote tourism therein.

Sec. 3. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,