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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3698

Introduced by Representative Faysah RPM Dumarpa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill, anchored in the law which created the National Museum System, seeks for the establishment of a cultural center and museum to be located in the City of Marawi to be known as ***Moro Cultural Heritage Center and Museum***.

The Muslim Filipinos, comprising of different tribal groups, have a rich cultural heritage which needs preservation. The uniqueness of the tradition and culture of Muslim Filipinos, though distinct and different from each other, is very much reflected in their arts and literature. However, as modern culture has penetrated the realm of Muslim Society, said culture and tradition is gradually diminishing. Even the Muslim youths nowadays care less about their rich cultural inheritance. Unfortunately, cultural centers and museum which should house all the artifacts, relics, works of arts and other objects reflective of the cultural heritage and history of the Muslim Filipinos are scant.

Pursuant to the policy of the State to ensure the rights and well-being of Muslim Filipinos with due regard to their beliefs, customs, traditions and institutions, as well as to further ensure their contribution to national goals and aspirations to make them active participants, the need to establish said cultural center and museum is imperative. This is hoped to enrich, and enhance Muslim culture and at the same time preserve the rights and well-being of Muslim Filipinos.

Considering the aforementioned, the passage of this Bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A MORO CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER AND
MUSEUM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. It is the policy of the State to pursue and support the cultural development of the Filipino people, through the preservation, enrichment and dynamic evolution of Filipino national culture, based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression.

Section 2. To implement the above declared State policies, there is hereby created a Moro Cultural Heritage Center and Museum to be located in the city of Marawi, under the supervision of the National Historical Institute in coordination with the National Museum, which shall be a permanent institution in the service of the community and its development, accessible to the public, and not intended for profit.

Section 3. The amount necessary for the implementation of this act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Education under the current General Appropriation Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the cultural center and museum shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.