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Introduced by **Hon. Sol Aragones**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

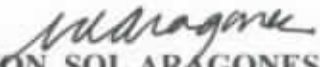
The historic town of Liliw in the Province of Laguna is home to a unique cottage industry of locally-made and finely-crafted *tsinelas*. The production of hand-made slippers has existed for several decades and has been associated with Liliw ever since.

Liliw houses close to a hundred *tsinelas* stalls and stores that have made the town a unique cultural and tourist destination in the province, and has helped generate income and livelihood for its residents.

As early as 2003, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Laguna has designated Liliw as the province's footwear capital. This bill seeks to give proper and added recognition to Liliw, for it to be designated the *tsinelas* capital not just of a locality or a particular region but of the entire country.

The appellation "Tsinelas Capital of the Philippines" would further boost the economic and cultural status of Liliw, and would solidify its position as the country's premiere production hub of high-quality local *tsinelas* which enjoy recognition in the Philippines and elsewhere.

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


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1 **AN ACT DESIGNATING AND RECOGNIZING THE TOWN OF LILIW IN THE**
2 **PROVINCE OF LAGUNA AS THE “TSINELAS CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES”**

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

3 SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Tsinelas Capital Act”.

4 SECTION 2. *Designating and Recognizing the town of Liliw, Laguna as the “Tsinelas*
5 *Capital of the Philippines.* – The town of Liliw in the Province of Laguna is hereby granted
6 the official designation as the “Tsinelas Capital of the Philippines” in recognition of the
7 economic and cultural significance of its slippers industry, which has existed for several
8 decades and is a significant contributor to the town’s and the province’s revenues.

9 SECTION 3. *Implementation.* – The Department of Interior and Local Government,
10 the Department of Tourism and the Department of Education shall issue the necessary and
11 appropriate orders and circulars to implement the provision of this Act.

12 SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
13 publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,