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HOUSE BILL NO. 7702



Introduced by Representative **ANTONIO R. FLOIRENDO, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines was one of the countries greatly affected when World War II transpired. Numerous battles were fought all over the country as countless Filipino People set to work to resist Japanese Imperial Forces.

The Battle of Ising in Carmen, Davao del Norte, a grueling 7-day ordeal for our Filipino Heroes, is known to be one of the fiercest battles that occurred against the Japanese Imperial Forces in Mindanao. It was a battle critical to the eventual surrender of the enemy forces that led to our liberation.

In view of the foregoing, it is only fitting that the marker monument of the Battle of Ising be acknowledged as a national military landmark and shrine for history, freedom and independence as it played a vital role in the monumental victory of our country. The passage of this bill, therefore, is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT DECLARING THE BATTLE OF ISING MEMORIAL MARKER A NATIONAL
MILITARY SHRINE TO BE KNOWN AS THE BATLLE OF ISING NATIONAL
MILITARY SHRINE**

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

SECTION 1. *Statement of Policy.* -It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to preserve historical sites, monuments and other relics that represent the Filipino heritage and culture and should therefore be under the protection of the State.

SEC. 2. *Declaration as National Landmark and Shrine.* – Consistent with the constitutional mandate to preserve, promote and popularize the nation's historical heritage, the marker monument of the Battle of Ising is hereby declared a national military landmark and shrine for history, freedom and independence to commemorate one of the fiercest and bloodiest battles of the Filipino People against the Japanese Imperial Forces in Mindanao.

SEC. 3. *Rules and Regulations.* - The Department of National Defense in close coordination with the National Historical Commission shall exercise supervision over the

preservation of the aforementioned marker monument and shall produce the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary to carry out the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the annual appropriations given to the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office under the Department of National Defense. Thereafter, such amount as may be needed for the maintenance of the Battle of Ising National Military Shrine shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,