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House Bill No. **3716**



Introduced by **Hon. Robert Ace S. Barbers**

**AN ACT ALLOWING THE INTERMENT OF FILIPINO SPORTS HEROES AT THE
LIBINGAN NG MGA BAYANI**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

“Sports stars become heroes when they are admired for their athletic accomplishments. As a society, we yearn to feel a connection to them, bask in their success, and pattern our lives after them.”¹

Filipino sports icons have this amazing and unique way of making a positive impact in our society. They are our source of inspiration and strength in dire situations and served as good role models, especially to the youth.

With their incredible achievements that brought honor to our country, they deserve a spot at the *Libingan ng mga Bayani*.

As such, this bill seeks to allow the interment of our sports heroes at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in recognition of their enormous work, dedication and sacrifices they have endured to bring pride and honor to our country.

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

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¹ Joseph Hastings, “The Impact of Sports Heroes’ Rise and Fall on Today’s Society”, December 13, 2022, accessed at <http://pitt-narr-and-tech.blogspot.com/2013/12/the-impact-of-sports-heroes-rise-and.html>

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

SECTION 1. Title. – This Act shall be known as the “*Commemoration of Filipino Sports Heroes Act of 2022.*”

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is hereby declared the policy of the State to honor and perpetuate the memory of the Filipino sports heroes who have led lives worthy of inspiration and emulation of this generation and of generations still unborn.

SEC. 3. Definition of Terms. – As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean as follows:

- a. “**Sports Heroes**” refers to distinguished Filipino athletes who possess character and integrity and who have represented and brought honor and glory to the country by winning at least a gold medal in any Southeast Asian Games, at least a silver medal in any Asian Games or Asian Cup, at least a bronze medal in any Olympic or World Games, or a world champion in any professional sports competition.

SEC. 4. Filipino sports heroes shall be eligible for interment at the *Libingan ng mga Bayani* for bringing honor and recognition to our country.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. - All other laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity Clause. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,