

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 5732



Introduced by

HON. YEDDA MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ
and
HON. JUDE A. ACIDRE

AN ACT
APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (PHP 800,000,000.00) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MACAPAGAL-MACARAEG INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER (MMICC) TO BE LOCATED IN BARANGAY BURU-UN, ILIGAN CITY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

To make Iligan enter the multi-billion MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) industry and be internationally known as the "BIMP EAGA (Brunei Darussalam–Indonesia–Malaysia–Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area) Hub in Northern Mindanao" to generate more jobs and opportunities for the people, this bill seeks to appropriate eight hundred million pesos (Php 800,000,000.00) for the construction of the Macapagal-Macaraeg International Convention Center to be located in Barangay Buru-un, Iligan City.

The Center shall be named after the Macapagal-Macaraeg family of Iligan City in recognition of their donation of land to the City.

Barangay Buru-un is one of best barangays in Iligan City because of the bodies of water and land found therein as well as the tourist attractions established and located therein. Further, it is near the Metro-Iligan Regional Agricultural and Industrial Center area in the Municipality of Linamon, Lanao del Norte where it is projected that

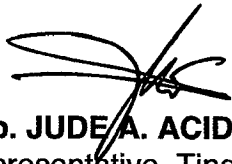
200 to 300 locators will be situated. With its strategic location, the convention center principally aims to boost the tourism of Iligan and generate jobs not only for Iliganons but for other Filipinos as well.

This measure has been filed by former Lone District of Iligan Representative Frederick W. Siao in the 18th Congress but it remained pending with its primary committee referral – Committee on Appropriations.

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



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

Section 1. *Appropriations.* The amount of Eight Hundred Million Pesos (Php 800,000,000.00) shall be included in the budget of the Department of Public Works and Highways in the General Appropriations Act to be used for the construction of the Macapagal-Macaraeg International Convention Center (with hotel facilities) to be located in Barangay Buru-un, Iligan City.

Section 2. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,