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Introduced by Representative LORDAN G. SUAN

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING LIBINGAN NG MGA BAYANI ANNEX IN MINDANAO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed legislation aims to establish a Libingan Ng Mga Bayani Annex in Mindanao in order to provide our country's heroes with a final resting place in the area. Families of these heroes currently living in Mindanao have many difficulties and costs when traveling to the Libingan Ng Mga Bayani in Luzon.

It is important to recognize that the current "Libingan Ng Mga Bayani" is situated in Luzon, which, considering the logistical and geographic difficulties involved in such a trip, can be a stressful experience for the families of our soldiers in Mindanao.

Therefore, it is our government's responsibility to address that disparity by establishing a memorial site in Mindanao where the families of our heroes, who live in the southern Philippines, would be able to pay their respects and memorialize their loved ones.

In light of the preceding, this bill's approval is fervently sought.

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the *"Libingan Ng Mga Bayani Mindanao Annex Act"*

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — It is hereby declared a policy of the state to preserve the legacy of the Presidents of the Philippines, national heroes, and patriots by ensuring their interment with the utmost honor and pride at the Libingan ng mga Bayani.

SECTION 3. *Establishment of Libingan ng mga Bayani Mindanao Annex.* — There shall be established a Libingan ng mga Bayani Mindanao Annex (LNMB-MA) in Cagayan de Oro City, Misamis Oriental.

SECTION 4. *Appropriations.* — The Secretary of the Department of National Defense shall immediately include in the department's program the operationalization of the Libingan ng mga Bayani Mindanao Annex (LNMB-MA).

The sums necessary for the completion and continued operations of LNMB-MA shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* — The Department of National Defense, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police,

and National Historical Commission of the Philippines shall jointly issue rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* — Any portion or provisions of this Act that may be declared unconstitutional or invalid shall not have the effect of nullifying other portions or provisions hereof as long as such remaining portions or provisions can still subsist and be given effect in their entirety.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, memoranda, circulars, and other issuances, or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette, in a newspaper of general circulation, or on a website provided for by law.

Approved,