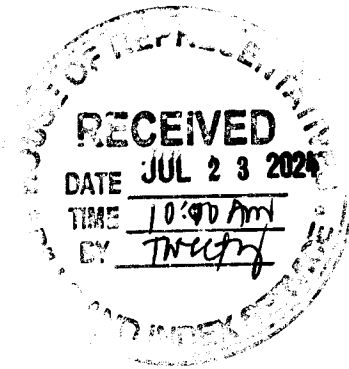


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Introduced by **Hon. WILTER YAP PALMA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

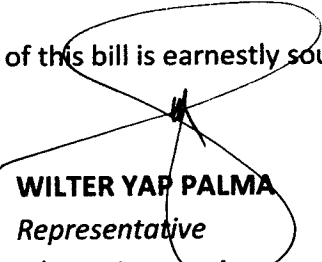
The Libingan ng mga Bayani was established by Republic Act No. 289 and serves as the "national pantheon for Presidents of the Philippines, National Heroes, and Patriots of the country."

Situated in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, the Libingan ng mga Bayani currently serves as the final resting place for the mortal remains of approximately 50,000 Filipino soldiers, Veterans, Presidents, Statesmen, Government Dignitaries, National Artists, and Scientists.

As the sole heroes' cemetery in the country, the unfortunate reality is that in the coming years, we can anticipate running out of space to inter the remains of our fallen heroes. Moreover, being in Metro Manila poses challenges for the families of the deceased residing outside the metro area, as they face prolonged travel times to visit their loved ones' final resting place. Given these considerations, it is high time that we establish a Libingan ng mga Bayani in locations beyond Metro Manila, specifically in Mindanao.

Upon establishment, our fallen heroes, particularly those in Mindanao, will finally have the opportunity to be laid to rest in an area much closer to their families. This initiative aims to extend the National Government's sympathies to the families of our heroes and honor them for the sacrifices they have made for the sake of our nation.

Given the aforementioned points, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIBINGAN NG MGA BAYANI IN
MINDANAO, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Short Title.*** – This Act shall be known as the “Libingan ng mga Bayani sa
2 Mindanao Act.”

3 **SECTION 2. *Establishment of the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Mindanao.*** – There is
4 hereby established a Libingan ng mga Bayani in Mindanao and it shall be located in
5 Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone, San Ramon, Zamboanga City. A 20-hectare
6 land shall be provided by the Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone Authority
7 which shall serve as the site for the Libingan ng Mga Bayani, and the construction
8 of which shall be undertaken by the Department of National Defense (DND).

9 **SECTION 3. *Administration*** – The administration of the Libingan ng mga Bayani in
10 Mindanao shall be vested upon the Department of National Defense.

11 **SECTION 4. *Appropriations*** – The amount needed for the initial implementation of
12 this Act shall be taken from the current year’s appropriations of the Department of
13 National Defense. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued
14 implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

15 **SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*** – The Secretary of National
16 Defense in coordination with the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office and the National
17 Historical Commission of the Philippines shall, within sixty (60) days upon the
18 approval of this Act, issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
19 implementation of this Act.

20 **SECTION 6. *Separability Clause*** – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared
21 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provisions not affected thereby
22 shall remain in force and effect.

23 **SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
24 order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of
25 this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

26 **SECTION 10. *Effectivity*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
27 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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29 *Approved,*