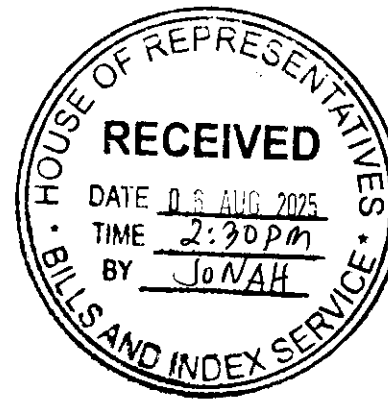


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Introduced by Representative Agatha Paula "Agay" A. Cruz

EXPLANATORY NOTE

"Ang hindi marunong lumingon sa pinangalangan ay hindi makakarating sa paroroonan."
(*"He who does not know how to look back at where he came from will never get to his destination."*) –
José Rizal, *Philippine National Hero (1861-1896)*

The preservation of historical facts, buildings, and sites is important for the genuine appreciation of the past in preparation for the future. In historical sites, one is immersed and humbled by feelings and sentiments of the historical events that once took place.

Pandi is the youngest town in Bulacan where momentous events took place during the Philippine Revolution.


According to researchers and records of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), the "Kakarong Republic" was the "first and truly organized Revolutionary Government established in the country to overthrow the Spaniards antedating even the famous "Malolos" and the "Biak-na-Bato Republic". The Kakarong Republic was established in Kakarong de Sili, composed of about 6,000 Katipuneros from different parts of Bulacan. The Kakarong Republic established a fort that was like a "miniature city" with its own set of officials, streets, independent police force, musical band, factory of falconets, bolos and repair shops for rifles and cartridges. It was on January 1, 1987 that the commemorated Battle of Kakarong de Sili took place where the fort was destroyed and about 3,000 Katipunero revolutionaries died.¹

Today, in commemoration of the events that took place, there stands a shrine in the actual site of the Battle of Kakarong de Sili in the Municipality of Pandi.

¹ Municipality of Pandi, History, <https://bulacan.gov.ph/cities-and-municipalities/pandi/>

It is high time that the shrine of the Battle of Kakarong de Sili be established and developed as a historical park and ecotourism site to reinforce our history and enhance the progress of our nation, culturally, economically, socially, developmentally, environmentally, and educationally.

Considering the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT DECLARING THE SHRINE OF THE BATTLE OF KAKARONG DE SILI AND ITS PREMISES LOCATED IN BARANGAY REAL DE KAKARONG, MUNICIPALITY OF PANDI, PROVINCE OF BULACAN A HISTORICAL PARK AND ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the "Battle of Kakarong De Sili Historical Park and Ecotourism Site Act".

Section 2. Battle of Kakarong De Sili Historical and Ecotourism Site. – The Shrine of the Battle of Kakarong De Sili and its premises located in Barangay Real De Kakarong, Municipality of Pandi, Province of Bulacan is hereby declared a historical park and ecotourism site. Its development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT), in coordination with the Municipality of Pandi and other concerned agencies, subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of ecotourism sites.

Section 3. Preservation and Development Plan. – Within one (1) year after the effectivity of this Act, the DOT shall prepare the site development plan for, among others, the construction, installation, and maintenance of appropriate buildings, facilities, and amenities to enhance tourism in the area, in consultation with the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) and other concerned agencies of the government, *Provided*, that any and all site development plans shall underscore the historical significance of the site.

Section 4. Implementation. – The DOT shall take prompt action towards the implementation of the site development plan under the preceding Section. The site development plan of the Battle of Kakarong De Sili Historical and Ecotourism Site shall be part of the DOT's tourism development programs for the succeeding year following the effectivity of this Act.

Section 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – Within sixty (60) days from the

effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the DOT shall promulgate the necessary implementing rules and regulations (IRR) for the proper implementation of this Act.

Section 6. *Funding.* – The amounts necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be sourced from the current appropriations of the DOT and thereafter it shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act under the projects of the DOT and whenever necessary, charged against the internally generated funds of the DOT.

Section 7. *Separability clause.* – If any provision of this Act be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Act.

Section 8. *Repealing clause.* – All provisions of laws, presidential decrees, letters of instruction and other presidential issuances which are incompatible or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed amended or repealed.

Section 9. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,