Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO.



Introduced by JANICE Z. SALIMBANGON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The late Marcelo Briones Fernan was a former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines and was a former President of the Senate of the Philippines. No other Filipino has ever held the two highest positions of the country.

Marcelo Briones Fernan is a Cebuano whose family hails from the City of Bogo, Cebu. He was a very brilliant lawyer. He graduated from the University of the Philippines Law School. He was appointed Constitutional Commission member, Associate Justice and later Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, thereby becoming constitutionally mandated head of the Judiciary Branch, one of three great branches of government. Marcelo Briones Fernan was nationally elected by the people as Senator of the Republic and there upon chosen President thereof by his peers, he thereby again for the second time headed another branch of government, the Senate of the Philippines. Marcelo Briones Fernan in his lifetime became the only Filipino to have headed two great branches of government (see Wikipedia) he has thereby distinguished himself undeniably an "illustrious Filipino" and "statesman".

This bill seeks to construct a monument at Bogo City, Cebu where Marcelo Briones Fernan hails from befitting of a person who has served as head of the two branches of government, the Judiciary and Legislative branches of government. The monument would be an enduring tribute to a person who has been considered as legal luminary, a statesman and illustrious Filipino.

Under this bill, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines shall exercise and control over the construction of the aforementioned monument.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MARCELO BRIONES FERNAN MEMORIAL MONUMENT AT THE CITY HALL OF BOGO CITY, AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

Section l. There shall be a monument constructed at the City Hall of Bogo City, Cebu, the Marcelo Briones Fernan Memorial Monument, an enduring tribute to an illustrious person of the past that would perpetuate his memory for the inspiration and emulation of this generation and the of generation still unborn.

Section 2 The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) shall in coordination with the Local Government concerned, endeavor to put up a life-size statue of Marcelo Briones Fernan at his hometown in Bogo City, Cebu at an appropriate place fronting the City Hall near where the Sangguniang Panlungsod session hall is located. The expense shall be charged as provided hereunder to form part of the Commission's appropriation under the pertinent appropriation act.

Section 3. Appropriation — There is hereby appropriated the sum of Five Million (P5,000,000.00) to finance the construction of the monument directed under Section 2 of this Act, Thereafter, the yearly expense in maintaining the statue shall be provided in the yearly appropriation of the Commission under the General Appropriations Act.

Section 4. Effectivity — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days its publication in the official gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,