

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 60

Submitted by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture on OCT 01 2019.

Re : **House Bill No. 4953**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1943.

Sponsor : Representatives Romulo and Fortun

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Basic Education and Culture to which was referred House Bill No. 1943 introduced by Rep. Lemuel H. Fortun, entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE BALANGAY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
BUTUAN BOAT, AS THE NATIONAL BOAT OF THE
PHILIPPINES

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 4953,
entitled:

AN ACT
DECLARING THE BALANGAY AS THE NATIONAL BOAT OF
THE PHILIPPINES

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 1943, with Representatives Fortun, Romulo, Olivarez, Fortun, Escudero, De Venecia, Bascug, Cari, Espina, Abunda, Panotes, Guico, Tutor, Barba, Castelo, Andaya, Saulog, Bordado, Gullas, Rodriguez, Mangaoang, Radaza, Garcia (V.) and Benitez as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roman T. Romulo".

ROMAN T. ROMULO

Chairperson

Committee on Basic Education and Culture

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. **4953**
(In substitution of House Bill No. 1943)

Introduced by Representative Fortun, Romulo, Olivarez, Fortuno, Escudero, De Venecia, Bascug, Cari, Espina, Abunda, Panotes, Guico, Tutor, Barba, Castelo, Andaya, Saulog, Bordado, Gullas, Rodriguez, Mangaoang, Radaza, Garcia (V.) and Benitez

AN ACT
DECLARING THE BALANGAY AS THE NATIONAL BOAT OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

1 **Section 1.** It is the policy of the State to promote and inculcate nationalism and pride
2 in the cultural and historical heritage of the nation. Furthermore, the State shall instill and
3 foster appreciation in the country's national symbols that embody the ideals and traditions of
4 the nation.

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6 **Section 2.** The Balangay is a testament to the early Filipino's boatbuilding genius and
7 seafaring expertise and an embodiment of the Filipino community's ideals of solidarity, unity,
8 resilience, courage and bravery.

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10 **Section 3.** The Balangay, found in Butuan City, and as may be found elsewhere in the
11 country, is hereby declared the National Boat of the Philippines.

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13 **Section 4.** All laws, decrees, orders and rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent
14 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

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16 **Section 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
17 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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19 Approved,

**House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department**

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 1943

As Approved by the Committee on 28 August 2019

NATIONAL BOAT OF THE PHILIPPINES

Introduced by: REPS. FORTUN ROMULO, OLIVAREZ, FORTUNO, ESCUDERO, DE VENECIA, BASCUG, CARI, ESPINA, ABUNDA, PANOTES, GUICO, TUTOR, BARBA, CASTELO, ANDAYA, SAULOG, BORDADO, GULLAS, RODRIGUEZ, MANGAOANG, RADAZA, GARCIA (V.) AND BENITEZ

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON BASIC EDUCATION & CULTURE (Primary)

Committee Chairperson: REP. ROMAN T. ROMULO

OBJECTIVES:

- To recognize the historical and cultural significance of the *Balangay* as well as the ideals, values and traditions it represents
- To preserve and promote the cultural treasures of the country

KEY PROVISION:

- Declares the *Balangay*, also known as the Butuan Boat, including all similar boats that may be discovered later elsewhere in the country, as the National Boat of the Philippines

RELATED LAW:

- The 1987 Philippine Constitution