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Introduced by Senator LOREN B. LEGARDA

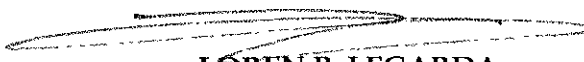
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Deemed the "Queen of Philippine Orchids", the Waling-waling which has the scientific name of *Euanthe vanderiana*, is considered one of the most beautiful orchid species endemic to the island of Mindanao, particularly in Davao, Cotabato and Zamboanga del Sur. It is said that the orchid blooms only once a year from July to October after the onset of monsoon season in the country.

Given its popularity among orchid enthusiasts, it has become increasingly rare for the Waling-waling to be found in its natural habitat. It was not until the 1980s that modern technology finally succeeded in the mass production of the prized flower, thus highlighting its potential as an export product of the Philippines.

In this light, this measure seeks to establish the Waling-waling orchid as another national flower, together with the Sampaguita, which was declared the national flower of the Philippines in Proclamation No. 652, dated 01 February 1934 by Governor-General Frank Murphy.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of the bill is sought.


LOREN B. LEGARDA
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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

AN ACT
DECLARING THE WALING-WALING ORCHIDS AS NATIONAL FLOWER OF THE
PHILIPPINES IN ADDITION TO SAMPAGUITA AS DECLARED IN PROCLAMATION
NO.652 DATED 01 FEBRUARY 1934 BY GOVERNOR-GENERAL FRANK MURPHY

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

SECTION 1. The Waling-Waling orchid is hereby declared as another national flower, together with Sampaguita, which was declared national flower of the Philippines in Proclamation No. 652, dated 01 February 1934 by Governor-General Frank Murphy.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources shall promulgate rules and regulations that will protect, conserve and propagate the Waling-Waling orchid together with Sampaguita.

SEC. 3. Executive Proclamation No. 652 and other laws, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,