



S E N A T E

S. No. 1741

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR VILLAR, DELA ROSA AND GO

AN ACT DECLARING THE CITY OF DAVAO AS THE
CHOCOLATE CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES
AND THE ENTIRE REGION XI (DAVAO REGION)
AS THE CACAO CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

1 SECTION 1. *Declaration of Policy.* – Section 1, Article
2 XII of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall
3 promote the industrialization and full employment based
4 on sound agricultural development and agrarian reform,
5 through industries that make full and efficient use of
6 human and natural resources, which are competitive in
7 both domestic and foreign markets.

8 Towards this end, the State hereby recognizes the
9 importance of cacao as a driver of rural development not
10 only because of its singular potential as a raw material
11 that can increase the country's export earnings
12 tremendously, and put the name of the country in the map

1 for producing the finest chocolate beans, but for having
2 provided livelihood to many small farmers in the
3 countryside.

4 SEC. 2. *Cacao and Chocolate Capital of the*
5 *Philippines.* – In recognition of the status as the country’s
6 biggest producer of cacao and its vital contribution in
7 making the Philippines world renowned and sought after
8 by chocolate makers from the U.S., Japan, and Europe, the
9 City of Davao is hereby declared as the Chocolate Capital
10 of the Philippines and the entire Region XI (Davao Region)
11 as the Cacao Capital of the Philippines.

12 SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential
13 decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction,
14 rule or regulation inconsistent or contrary to the provisions
15 of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

16 SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen
17 (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a
18 newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,