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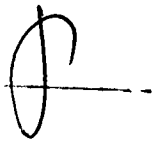
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**SENATE**

**S. No. 2470**

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**AN ACT  
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROSARIO IN THE PROVINCE OF  
CAVITE AS THE "TINAPA CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES"**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This measure seeks to declare the Municipality of Rosario in the Province of Cavite as the "Tinapa Capital of the Philippines" in order to promote and recognize the industry of *tinapa* or smoked fish, and to further boost its production and competitiveness in both the domestic and foreign markets.

The history of the Municipality of Rosario can be traced back as a humble fishing town. During the Spanish period, it was originally called Tejero which originated from the Spanish word "*tejer*" or "to weave" as weaving fish nets was the main occupation of the women.<sup>1</sup> During the Philippine Revolution, the town was called Salinas because of its prominent saltmaking industry.<sup>2</sup>

Among many exquisite fish products such as *daing* (fried fish), *bagoong* (fish paste), and *patis* (fish sauce), Rosario is most associated with the finest and world-renowned smoked fish or *Tinapang Salinas*. The famous *Tinapang Salinas* has been considered as a cultural heritage by many Caviteños. Likewise, the Municipality of Rosario celebrates the "Tinapa Festival" every month of October to honor and promote the renowned local produce to bring competitiveness and international recognition.

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<sup>1</sup>Municipality of Rosario. History of Rosario. Information retrieved from <https://rosariocavite.ph/about-rosario>

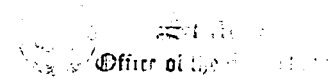
<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

As such, it is high time that the nation recognizes the said municipality as the "Tinapa Capital of the Philippines" as it will further boost its production, as well as provide additional livelihood to its residents.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

  
**RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.**

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

1           **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** – It is hereby declared the policy of the  
2 State to promote industrialization and full employment based on sound agricultural  
3 development and agrarian reform, through industries that make full and efficient use  
4 of human and natural resources, and which are competitive in both domestic and  
5 foreign markets. Towards this end, the State shall recognize the contribution of the  
6 tinapa industry for the economic growth and development of the country in the  
7 promotion of industrial and commercial exportation.

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9           **SECTION 2. Tinapa Capital of the Philippines.** – It is hereby declared that the  
10 Municipality of Rosario in the Province of Cavite as the "Tinapa Capital of the  
11 Philippines".

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13           **SECTION 3. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
14 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*