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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The introduction of Islamic faith in the Philippines has immensely contributed to the enrichment, vibrance and diversity of our unique culture and civilization.

The Sheikh Karimul Makhdum Mosque at Tubig Indangan, Simunul, Tawi-Tawi was constructed by an Arabian Missionary in 1380 A.D. Sometime in 1965, the late President Ferdinand E. Marcos and First Lady Imelda Marcos went to the site to install a historic marker giving it recognition as the first mosque in the Philippines.

The Regional Government of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao, through its Legislative Assembly, has already passed a regional law declaring the inclusion of the Sheikh Makhdum centennial celebration as one of the Islamic events entitled to a special non-working holiday within the ARMM.

This bill seeks to declare the Sheikh Karimadul Mosque as national shrine. This will give the necessary recognition to the contribution of Islam in the development of culture and civilization in our country.

This proposed measure will also be a sign to our brother Moslems in Mindanao, that they are being accorded due and equal recognition by the national government.

For the above-mentioned reasons, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

*[Signature]*  
EDGARDO J. ANGARA  
Senator


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**AN ACT DECLARING THE SHEIKH KARIMUL MAKHDUM  
MOSQUE, CONSIDERED AS THE FIRST AND OLDEST MUSLIM  
HOUSE OF PRAYER OR MOSQUE IN THE PHILIPPINES,  
CONSTRUCTED IN 1380 A.D. AT TUBIG, INDANGAN, SIMUNUL,  
PROVINCE OF TAWI-TAWI, AS A NATIONAL SHRINE, AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1       **SECTION 1. *Statement of Policy.*** - It is hereby declared to be the  
2 policy of the State to preserve historical sites, monuments and other relics,  
3 which represent our indigenous Filipino cultural of the nation and shall be  
4 under the protection of the State, heritage and treasure.  
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6       **SECTION 2. *Declaration as National Shrine.*** - Consistent with  
7 the Constitutional mandate to conserve, promote and popularize the nation's  
8 historical and cultural heritage, the Sheikh Karimul Makhdum Mosque  
9 located at Tubig Indangan, Simunul, Province of Tawi-Tawi, which was  
10 constructed in 1380 A.D. and considered as the first and oldest Muslim House  
11 of Prayer of Mosque in the Philippines is hereby declared a national shrine to  
12 underscore the immense contribution of Islamic faith to the enrichment,  
13 vibrance and diversity of our culture and civilization.  
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15       **SECTION 3. *Power of the NHI to Issue Rules.*** For this purpose, the  
16 National Historical Institute (NHI) shall exercise supervision over the  
17 preservation of the aforesaid site and shall issue the necessary rules and  
18 regulations to effectuate the preceding sections of this Act.  
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20       **SECTION 4. *Appropriation.*** The necessary funding for the purposes  
21 of this Act, shall be provided for in the annual appropriations for the NHI,  
22 which shall, henceforth issue the appropriate disbursements.

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**SECTION 5. *Fund-raising Program.*** In order to afford the people an opportunity to participate in financing the preservation, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation of the shrine, the NHI is hereby authorized to organize and undertake a national fund campaign for the purpose of raising funds from private sources.

**SECTION 6. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect upon approval.

*Approved,*