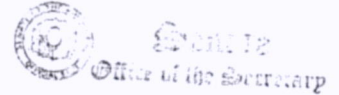


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REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8470

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 1998, Republic Act No. 8470 was enacted into law, creating the province of Compostela Valley from the province of Davao del Norte. This law granted corporate and legal existence to the province of Compostela Valley, which comprised the municipalities of Monkayo, Montevista, Laak, New Bataan, Compostela, Maragusan, Nabunturan, Mawab, Maco, Mabini, and Pantukan. The populace overwhelmingly ratified the law creating the new political subdivision and thereafter organized the instrumentalities of government vital to their everyday lives.

While the province has flourished over the years, one issue remains to be the subject of intense debate and attention, and that is the renaming of the province. The close affinity of the people to the place fondly and collectively known as "Davao" is undeniable, so much so that almost twenty years after its creation, most of the province's constituents still consider themselves "Davaweños."

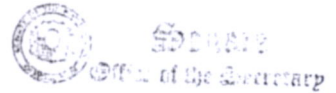
In recent consultative meetings with provincial and municipal leaders, as well as the province's constituents, the need to retain the word "Davao" in the province's name along with a unique descriptive word that gives it character was discussed. Compostela Valley is known to be a place teeming with gold deposits, hence the proposal to rename the province "Davao de Oro."

This bill seeks to rename the province of Compostela Valley to the province of Davao de Oro, taking cognizance of its people's affinity and sense of belonging to the region.

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

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The province of Compostela Valley is hereby renamed to be known
2 as Davao de Oro Province.

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4 **SEC. 2.** The pertinent sections of Republic Act No. 8470 are modified
5 accordingly.

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7 **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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9 Approved,

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