



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8282

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VIOLAGO, GARIN (S.) AND SALCEDA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT  
NO. 876

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### AN ACT DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF CATANDUANES AS THE ABACA CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

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

7           Towards this end, the State hereby recognizes the importance  
8 of abaca as a driver of rural development not only because of its  
9 singular potential as a raw material of various products that can  
10 increase the country's export earnings tremendously, but for having  
11 provided livelihood to many small farmers in the countryside.

1           SEC. 2. In recognition of its status as the country's biggest  
2 producer of abaca and its vital contribution in making the  
3 Philippines the largest producer of abaca fiber by supplying  
4 eighty-seven percent (87%) of the world's abaca requirement, the  
5 Province of Catanduanes is hereby declared the Abaca Capital of  
6 the Philippines.

7           SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
8 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general  
9 circulation.

Approved,

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