

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila
THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session
HOUSE BILL NO. 874

Introduced by Honorable Roque R. Ablan, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The late President Ferdinand Edralin Marcos, a native of the Province of Ilocos Norte, was born on September 11, 1917, in Sarrat, Ilocos Norte, and passed away while he was on political exile in Honolulu, Hawaii, U. S. A.

Ferdinand E. Marcos was an outstanding student of the University of the Philippines, gifted with exceptional ability and prowess in debate and oratory, having topped the Bar examinations while under detention for an alleged involvement in a crime wherein he finally vindicated himself before the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

As a true citizen and soldier with a deep sense of patriotism and loyalty, he stood up and served to defend the country during World War II, thereby earning the accolade of being the most bemedalled Filipino soldier during that war, and becoming a hero with the bestowal upon him of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

As a legislator par excellence, he served a distinguished career as a Member of the House of Representatives as its Minority Floor Leader, and as a Member and President of the Senate of the Philippines, by his unparalleled and erudite style and leadership, and as a true colleague to his peers as he steered the Body to fruitful and meaningful legislation.

As President of the Republic for two (2) decades, President Marcos charted a bright vision for his people, establishing a New Society which shunned and destabilized oligarchy and landlordism, infusing greater meaning and substance to democracy especially in the grassroots level by institutionalizing the Barangay as the basic political unit; re-defining and re-structuring the set-up of local government units under the principle of autonomy and decentralization; recognizing the strength and capacity of the youth in nation-building; systemizing, streamlining and upgrading the civil service to conform with the government's socio-economic development thrust with emphasis on the construction of more roads, bridges, airports, schools, and other infrastructures,

The late President Marcos has left an enduring faith in Filipino values, sense of nationhood and Filipinism, that deserves to be preserved and perpetuated for emulation by our posterity.

In the past few years, the Province of Ilocos Norte has been observing September 11 as FERDINAND EDRALIN MARCOS DAY to commemorate the birth anniversary of the former President, in order that the rich legacy of idealism and love of country which he sought to inculcate in the hearts and minds of every patriotic Filipino be properly recalled in fitting ceremonies and activities on this natal day of a favorite son and great leader.

It is in this spirit that we earnestly appeal for the approval of this measure.


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AN ACT
DECLARING SEPTEMBER ELEVEN OF EVERY YEAR AS
PRESIDENT FERDINAND EDRALIN MARCOS DAY, A SPECIAL
NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS
NORTE AND IN LAOAG CITY

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

Section 1. September Eleven of every year is hereby declared as President Ferdinand Edralin Marcos Day, a special non-working holiday in the Province of Ilocos Norte and in Laoag City to celebrate the birthday and commemorate the memory of the late President and Filipino patriot.

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED.