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HOUSE BILL NO. 1676

Introduced by Rep. Nerissa Corazon Soon-Ruiz, M.D.

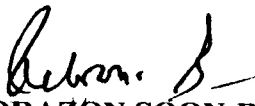
EXPLANATORY NOTE

April 27 is a significant day in the history of the Cebuanos, if not of the entire nation, for it was on this day on 1521 that the Filipino's love for freedom was first highlighted when the brave bolo-wielding natives of Mactan defeated the better armed and trained foreign invaders led by Fenando Magellan who succumbed to the sword of Lapu-lapu. This is the first act of heroism in the defense of the motherland being shown by a Filipino, hence, should be immortalized in the annals of the country's glorious history.

For all Cebuanos to emulate the love of freedom and country being shown by Lapu-lapu and his comrades, this measure aims to declare every 27th of April every year as a non-working public holiday in the entire province of Cebu and all its component cities, including Cebu City, to be known as "*KADAUGAN SA MAKTAN DAY*."

The victory of Lapu-lapu and his comrades on that fateful day of April 27, 1521, being a shining exemplar of the entire nation's struggle against foreign domination, should be celebrated yearly to inculcate in the hearts of the Cebuanos, especially the young, the glorious legacy of our forefathers.

Approval, therefore, of this bill is earnestly sought not only to give due recognition to the first Filipino hero but also to inculcate on every Cebuano the significance of the freedom we are enjoying today.


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AN ACT DECLARING APRIL 27 OF EACH YEAR AS A NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE CITIES OF LAPU-LAPU, MANDAUE AND CEBU, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AND ALL ITS COMPONENT CITIES, TO BE KNOWN AS "KADAUGAN SA MAKTAN DAY"

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

SECTION 1. In order for all Cebuanos to emulate the love of freedom and country of Lapu-lapu and his army of brave bolo-wielding natives, April 27 of each year is hereby declared as a nonworking public holiday in the Province of Cebu and all its component cities.

SECTION 2. This nonworking public holiday which will be enjoyed by the entire Cebu Province and all its component cities, including the City of Cebu, will be known as "*Kadaugan sa Maktan Day*."

SECTION 3. The Province of Cebu and the City of Lapu-lapu are enjoined to initiate and organize worthwhile activities in celebration of the "*Kadaugan sa Maktan Day*."

SECTION 4. *Effectivity*. – This Act shall become effective fifteen days following the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of national circulation.

Approved,