

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 332

Introduced by HONORABLE LUIS R. VILLAFUERTE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill reenacts House Bill No. 3728 which was approved by the 14th Congress of the House of Representatives on 12 May 2008 and was transmitted to and received by the Senate on 15 May 2008.

The scouting movement has long been a part of our national life. Its ideals and noble traditions have contributed to the task of moulding the character of our youth.

As a tribute to its accomplishments in this regard, but more importantly, as a way of extending the reach of its salutary influence upon the young men and women of this country, the present bill proposes that every municipality or city set aside, by appropriate proclamation, a Scouting Recognition Day. On the date chosen, scouting as a concept, in civic and citizenship training, would be made the focus of public attention. In appropriate ceremonies, deeds honored in the tradition of the movement would be given due recognition. Through public information programs, the objectives, accomplishments, and specific projects of scouting would be made more familiar to the public. In this way, public support of the movement and its appeal to the young would be greatly enhanced, thereby enabling the movement to bring under its guidance a greater part of the young men and women of this country and help them become better citizens.

Since the making of better citizens is a major objective of the State, which scouting has likewise adopted as its own, the approval of this measure which seeks to promote scouting is earnestly urged.


LUIS R. VILLAFUERTE

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 332

Introduced by HONORABLE LUIS R. VILLAFUERTE

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ADOPT A
BOY SCOUTING AND GIRL SCOUTING RECOGNITION DAY**

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

1 **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** – The State hereby reaffirms
2 that the ideals, noble traditions and constructive practices of boy scouting
3 and girl scouting are essential to the proper upbringing of the youth. For
4 them to become useful and productive citizens, able to exercise the rights
5 and perform their duties with honor and dedication to the service of their
6 communities and the nation, the scouting movement is hereby
7 encouraged and promoted.

8 **SEC. 2. Recognition Day.** – It is hereby mandated that all local
9 government units shall adopt, by appropriate proclamation of the
10 respective local chief executives, a Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting
11 Recognition Day to be held every year within the months of September
12 and October, respectively.

1 Every province, city or municipality shall conduct appropriate
2 programs, projects and activities to give due recognition to the
3 achievements of, and confer honors and awards to, deserving scouts,
4 partners and donors of the scouting movement.

5 **SEC. 3. *Financial Assistance.*** – The sanggunians of provinces,
6 cities and municipalities may appropriate such sums of money and/or
7 equipment as may be necessary for the holding of the annual boy
8 scouting and girl scouting recognition days.

9 The support of schools, parents-teachers associations, civic
10 organizations and citizens shall be enlisted to provide donations, in cash
11 or in kind, or services as may be deemed expedient to carry out the
12 purposes of this Act.

13 **SEC. 4. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
14 after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,