

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 529

Introduced by Honorable **EDUARDO R. GULLAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

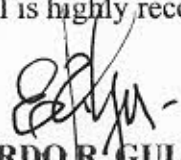
This bill seeks to declare March 26 of every year as a special non-working public holiday in the Province of Cebu to commemorate the historic liberation of Cebu from the domination of Japanese Imperial Forces during World war II, which was made possible by the successful landing of the joint forces of the United States military command and our brave Filipino soldiers. The historical landing took place in the Municipality of Talisay, now City of Talisay in the 1st congressional district of Cebu Province.

March 26, 1945 is a significant date for all the Sugbuanons. It was the date when the entire Province of Cebu was liberated from the shackles of Japanese rule. By virtue of Republic Act No. 7280, March 26 of every year is declared a non-working holiday only for the City of Talisay to commemorate and herald the sacrifices of their ancestors who gave up their lives in the name of freedom.

The victory of the Sugbuanons against the Japanese Imperial forces, however, did not only benefit the people of Talisay City but all the people of Cebu in their quest for genuine independence. Thus, it is but fitting that the whole Province of Cebu likewise join in commemorating March 26 to instill in the minds of all Sugbuanons the significance of the liberation of the Province of Cebu.

The declaration of March 26 of every year as special non-working holiday in the Province of Cebu will show the grateful appreciation of Sugbuanons to their ancestors who fought hard and died for the liberation of the province during World War II. Likewise, it will afford the people of Cebu the opportunity to commemorate this very momentous and historic event.

In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill is highly recommended


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LIBERATION OF CEBU FROM THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION DURING WORLD
WAR II

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

SECTION 1. March 26 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday not only in the City of Talisay, by virtue of R.A.7280, but in the entire Province of Cebu to commemorate the historic liberation of Cebu from the Japanese occupation during World War II.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least one (1) national Newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,