

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

HOUSE BILL NO. 2249

Introduced by: HON. MARCELINO "MARCY" R. TEODORO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Corazon Cojuangco Aquino, the first woman president of the Philippines and Southeast Asia, was born on January 25, 1933 from the wealthy family of Tarlac and Antipolo. Her husband's assassination in the mid-80's, however, served as the turning point of Cory's life. She became the unifying force for the different factions of the opposition. The plain housewife-turned-politician responded to the demands of the politics with vigor and sincere advocacy to the cause of justice and democracy.

As president, she faced many challenges including several coup de etats, a down economy and a bunch of Marcos loyalists antagonistic of her leadership. Despite the obstacles, the in experienced lady president proved she could be tough as a man if not tougher. In the end, she was able to finish her term with dignity and respect of the people still intact. She also peacefully transferred the seat of power to her successor President Fidel Ramos, an enormous legacy from the simple but firm hero's widow.

In commemoration of President Corazon C. Aquino's natal day, the bill seeks to declare January 25 of each year as a national holiday. This measure hopes to rightfully recognize the immense contribution President Cory has made for the restoration of democracy in the Philippines as well as her being a true inspiration to all leaders around the world. Her life is a true testament of what a great leader could and should be. Indeed, she is an important historical figure in the country and the whole world as well.

In the light of the forgoing, passage of this proposal is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
DECLARING JANUARY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY IN
COMMEMORATION OF PRESIDENT CORAZON C. AQUINO'S NATAL DAY,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 26, CHAPTER 7 EXECUTIVE ORDER
NO. 292 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. The 25th day of January is hereby declared a national holiday in commemoration of President Corazon C. Aquino's natal day.

SECTION 2. Section 26, Chapter 7 of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the Revised Administrative Code of 1987 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 26. Regular Holidays and Nationwide Special Days (1) Unless otherwise modified by law, order or proclamation, the following regular holidays and special days shall be observed in the country:

- a) Regular Holidays
 - New Year's Day - January 1
 - PRESIDENT CORAZON C. AQUINO'S NATAL DAY - JANUARY 25
 - Maundy Thursday - Movable Date
 - Good Friday - Movable Date
 - Eidul Fitr - Movable Date
 - Araw ng Kagitingan - Movable Date
 - (Bataan and Corregidor Day) - April 9
 - Labor Day - May 1
 - Independence Day - June 12
 - National Heroes Day - Last Sunday of August
 - Bonifacio Day - November 30
 - Christmas Day - December 25
 - Rizal Day - December 30
- b) National Special Holidays
 - All Saint's Day - November 1
 - Last Day of the Year - December 31

SECTION 3. All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, and any part thereof, which are inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon approval and complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,