

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2756

Introduced by HONORABLE JUSTIN MARC SB. CHIPECO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

June 19, 1861 marked the day of birth of the greatest hero of the Philippines. He was called a "many splendored" genius. He was richly dowered by God with superb intellectual, moral and physical qualities. Truly he ranks with the world's geniuses. He was an anthropologist, botanist, businessman, cartographer, entomologist, ethnologist, farmer, folklorist, geographer, grammarian, historian, horticulturist, humorist, lexicographer, linguist, musician, novelist, painter, physician, poet, philologist, philosopher, polemist, psychologist, satirist, sculptor, sportsman, sociologist, surveyor, traveler and zoologist.

More than all these, he was a patriot, hero and martyr. He was called the First Filipino. Unlike many geniuses, he consecrated his God-given talents and even sacrificed his own life for the redemption and welfare of the Filipino people. Verily, a man of his heroism and versatility appears but once in the history of any nation.

The Philippines has been blessed with a man who willingly sacrificed and gave up his life for his undying love for his motherland.

This bill seeks to appropriately give the due honor and recognition for this hero extra ordinaire--- Our National Hero by declaring the day of his birth June 19, a National Holiday, a non-working public holiday throughout the Philippines. It is only proper, and it is about time that the country bestows this great man with deference and honor by marking the day of his birth as National Holiday, to be called "THE NATIONAL HERO'S DAY".

The country owes so much to this man, we can only repay him so little with this token of reverence on his special day.

The approval of this bill is therefore most earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
DECLARING JUNE NINETEEN OF EVERY YEAR A NON-WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO BE KNOWN AS "THE NATIONAL HERO'S DAY" IN HONOR
OF THE BIRTH OF OUR NATIONAL HERO DR. JOSE P. RIZAL

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

SECTION 1. June Nineteen of every year is hereby declared a non-working public holiday throughout the country to be known as "THE NATIONAL HERO'S DAY".

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

Approved,