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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3177

Introduced by REP. SALVADOR H. ESCUDERO III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In commemoration of the accomplishments of Jose Rizal, as a Filipino patriot, an educator, a visionary writer, an accomplished physician, a prolific artist, poet, scientist and linguist, and as a good, respectful and loving son most especially, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to establish an event that would allow the children and the youth, particularly students to celebrate activities emulating the examples of Jose Rizal. This celebration as a **special working holiday** will allow schools, colleges, and universities to commemorate, with various activities, the life, works and writings of the hero. It will also allow the Filipino workforce additional wage incentive, which is in keeping with Rizal's value of dignity of labor and productivity. The celebration of the 150th anniversary of Jose Rizal as a starting point of the celebration; will give more impact of Rizal's continuing relevance to the Filipino children and youth.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DECLARING JUNE 19 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE "NATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY", A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY

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

SECTION 1. *Title* – This act shall be known as “**The National Young People’s Day Act of 2010**”.

SEC. 2. *Special Working Holiday* – June 19 of every year is hereby declared as a special working holiday starting 2011. In the event the holiday falls on a Saturday, the holiday will be observed on the Friday of that week. If the holiday falls on a Sunday, the holiday will be observed on the Monday that follows;

SEC. 3. The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) as lead agency shall coordinate with Department of Education, National Youth Commission, Commission on Higher Education and the Council for the Welfare of Children of DSWD to provide fitting programs to celebrate the “National Young People’s Day” with series of activities that will commemorate the life, works and writings of Jose Rizal, making Rizal relevant to the youth, and inspiring them to emulate his values such as love of country, obedience and respect for parents and the elderly, among others;

SEC. 4. *Funding Sources* – Necessary funds shall be appropriated to the concerned agencies such as the Department of Education, Department of Social Welfare and Development, National Youth Commission, Department of Health, local government units and non-governmental organizations to initiate and implement nationwide programs including health for the benefits of the Filipino children and youth;

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly;

SEC. 6. *Effectivity Clause* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,