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Introduced by HONORABLE REENA CONCEPCION OBILLO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution, specifically Section 12 of Article II, provides that *"the State recognizes the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution"*.

Originally filed by Rep. Roque Ablan, Jr on July 31, 2007 as House Bill 861, the bill seeks *"to recognize the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation and as such, strengthen the solidarity of the family and promote its development"*. It was later substituted by House Bill 6706 which was received by the Senate on October 15, 2009.

There are more than 17.403 million Filipino families who deserve their own special day. Former President Fidel V. Ramos proclaimed the last week of September as Family Week and we seek the declaration of Family Day as an official holiday to make the event a truly exceptional one. Celebrated on every third Monday of December, it begins the month of the journey of the family of Jesus Christ and His holy birth.

The celebration of Family Day acknowledges the changing face of the Filipino family. It recognizes that Filipino families are no longer limited to the traditional mother, father and child. We now have extended families, adoptive families, foster families, and the solo parent, joined by relatives as well as friends and neighbors who have become part of the family, who all provide their share in nation building.

More importantly, Family Day allows us to celebrate the value of a family-centered life. By spending this day together the family is able to share longer moments at the table where a simple meal is enjoyed and stories are passed on to the next generation. It allows us to celebrate the respect we give to parents and elders and the sacrifices we make for the welfare of our children. In sharing these moments we are able to strengthen the family bond.

The early passage of this bill is sought.



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HOUSE BILL NO. 3473

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**AN ACT DECLARING THE THIRD MONDAY OF DECEMBER OF EVERY YEAR
AS "FAMILY DAY"**

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

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2 **SECTION 1.** It is hereby declared that the third Monday of December of every year is
3 declared as Family Day.

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5 **SECTION. 2.** All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof
6 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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8 **SECTION. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days upon its publication in two (2)
9 newspapers of national circulation.

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11 **Approved.**