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EXPLANATORY NOTE

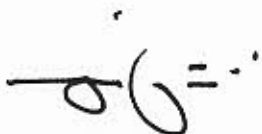
The recent victory of world's boxing sensation and our very own; Rep. Emmanuel D. Pacquiao over Mexican Boxer Antonio Margarito has once again brought great pride and joy not only to the Philippines but to the entire Filipino people living worldwide.

His latest conquest against a Mexican boxer propelled him to be the first boxer in history to win ten world titles in eight different weight divisions. He is also the first boxer in history to win the lineal championship in four different weight classes. Indeed, Pacquiao is a fighting machine that brought great honor and prestige not only for himself but for the country and the millions of Filipinos all over the world. In all his fights, we stood as one nation, cheered under one flag and celebrated with pride and honor being a Filipino.

Born on December 17, 1978 in Kibawe, Bukidnon, to Rosalio Pacquiao and Dionesia Dapidran-Pacquiao, Pacquiao came from a humble beginning. Emmanuel D. Pacquiao characterizes the true Filipino hero athlete. His unequaled determination, perseverance, hard work and love of country are his core values in all his fights and challenges. He is a devout Catholic who frequently makes the sign of the cross before he fights in the ring, which symbolizes the immense faith of a Filipino to the Almighty. He is indeed a true inspiration to all inspiring athletes and the Filipino youth.

It is fitting that the country should in return give honor and respect to Emmanuel D. Pacquiao and other Filipino athletes who gave honor, pride and glory to the Philippines and to all Filipinos worldwide. The country owes so much to Emmanuel Pacquiao and other Filipino hero athletes, we can only repay them so little with token reverence on this special day.

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



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AN ACT
DECLARING DECEMBER 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS "ARAW NG
MGA BAYANING PILIPINONG ATLETA", A SPECIAL
WORKING HOLIDAY

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

SECTION 1. Title. This Act shall be known as "**The Filipino Hero Athletes' Day Act of 2010**".

SECTION 2. Special Working Holiday. December 17 of every year is hereby declared as special working holiday. 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;

SECTION 3. The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) as lead agency shall coordinate with the Department of Education, National Youth Commission, Commission on Higher Education, Philippine Olympic Committee to provide fitting programs to celebrate the "Araw ng mga Bayaning Pilipinong Atleta", with series of activities that will honor and venerate the life, achievement, pride and glory of our Filipino athletes especially Emmanuel Pacquiao, making them relevant to the youth and inspiring them to emulate the value of love of country, self-discipline, good work ethics and hard work.

SECTION 4. Funding Sources. Necessary funds shall be appropriated to the concerned agencies such as the Philippine Sports Commission, Department of Education, National Youth Commission, Commission on Higher Education and Local Government Units, to initiate and implement nationwide programs for the benefits of Filipino Athletes.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 6. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of General Circulation.

Approved,