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2 Republic of the Philippines
3 House of Representatives
4 Quezon City, Metro Manila

5
6 FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
7 Second Regular Session
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10 HOUSE BILL NO. 5004
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13 Introduced by Honorable Kimi S. Cojuangco, Giorgidi B. Aggabao,
14 Napoleon S. Dy and Robert Raymund S. Estrella
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17 EXPLANATORY NOTE
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20 This bill seeks to declare the twentieth day of February of every
21 year as the Barangay Health Workers' Day in recognition of the
22 barangay health workers' invaluable service in the promotion and
23 delivery of the basic health care in our communities.
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25 The barangay health workers (BHWs) are government-trained
26 health volunteers who have been giving invaluable service in rural
27 barangays since 1981. For almost thirty (30) years, the BHWs have
28 been our health information disseminators, the nurturers of
29 expectant mothers and sick children, and the providers of
30 compassionate health care to many Filipinos in the remotest areas
31 of the country. They are the front-liners in providing health care
32 services to rural communities.
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34 With the resurgence of disease outbreaks in different areas in
35 the country, the BHWs serve as the primary caregivers of many poor
36 Filipinos. As one of the most dedicated sectors in the government
37 service, they are engaged in the toughest of jobs. However, it is
38 distressing that their efforts remain unrecognized and disregarded.
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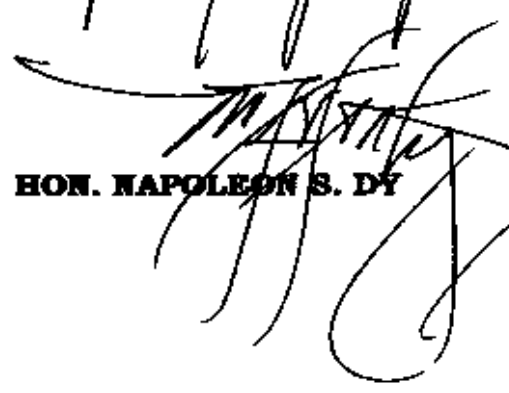
40 For their services, commitment and sacrifices, barangay health
41 workers, deserve a day of the year to commemorate their invaluable
42 contribution in building a healthy nation. The best and most fitting
43 to be declared as the Barangay Health Workers' Day would be

1 February 20, the date when Republic Act No. 7883, otherwise
2 known as the "Barangay Health Workers Benefits and Incentives Act
3 of 1995," was approved. Hence, this bill.

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5 In view of the foregoing, immediate approval of this bill into law
6 is highly recommended.
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13 HON. KIM S. COJUANGCO

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18 AN ACT
19 DECLARING FEBRUARY 20 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE BARANGAY
20 HEALTH WORKERS' DAY
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22 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
23 *Congress assembled:*
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25 SECTION 1. The twentieth day of February of every year is hereby
26 declared as the Barangay Health Workers' Day in recognition of the invaluable
27 and selfless service of the barangay health workers in the promotion and
28 delivery of the basic health care in the community.

29 SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
30 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general
31 circulation.

32 Approved,
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