

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Second Regular Session)

HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES
House Bill No. **5259**

Introduced by: MA. THERESA B. BONOAN-DAVID
4th District, City of Manila

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Former President Corazon Cojuangco Aquino was born on January 25, 1933 and died on August 1, 2009. President Aquino, the first woman president of the Philippines and Southeast Asia, is considered as the Mother of Democracy, a national heroine and a liberator of the country, for helping restore freedom and democracy in the country.

Her husband's [the late Sen. Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino] assassination in the mid-80's, however, served as the turning point of Pres. Cory's life. She became the unifying force for the different factions of the opposition. She responded to the demands of the politics with vigor and sincere advocacy to the cause of justice and democracy;

As then president, she faced many challenges including several *coup de etats*, a down economy and a bunch of loyalist antagonistic of her leadership. Despite the said obstacles, through sheer courage, dedication and patriotism, she bravely fought and withstood the same. She governed the nation with order, fairness and honesty, and finished her term with dignity and respect from the people.

Even after her term as president and in her death, she continues to inspire the people to rally behind good governance and hope for a better country, free from corruption and oppression.

Thus, in commemorating Pres. Corazon C. Aquino's great works and sacrifice for the country, and in recognition of her immense contribution in the restoration of democracy in the Philippines which made her an icon of great leadership in the country and in the whole world, it is but worthy to dedicate August 1 of each year in her honor and to declare the same as a special working holiday.

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


MA. THERESA BONOAN-DAVID
4th District, City of Manila

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Second Regular Session)

HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES
House Bill No. **5259**

Introduced by: MA. THERESA B. BONOAN-DAVID
4th District, City of Manila

**AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 1 OF EACH YEAR AS A SPECIAL
WORKING HOLIDAY IN COMMEMORATION OF
PRES. CORAZON C. AQUINO'S GREAT LEADERSHIP IN RESTORING
DEMOCRACY IN THE COUNTRY**

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

SECTION 1. - In commemorating Pres. Corazon C. Aquino's great works and sacrifice for the country, and in recognition of her immense contribution in the restoration of democracy in the Philippines which made her an icon of great leadership in the country and in the whole world, it is but worthy to dedicate August 1 of each year in her honor and to declare the same as a special working holiday throughout the country.

SECTION 2. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general.

Approved.