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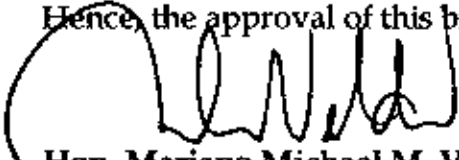
EXPLANATORY NOTE

There is no better time to recognize the value of taking care of our country's youth than the commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the birth of our national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal. The reason, of course, is that it is Rizal himself who stressed the importance of the youth in national development in his famous *salawikain*: "*Ang kabataan ang pag-asa ng bayan.*".

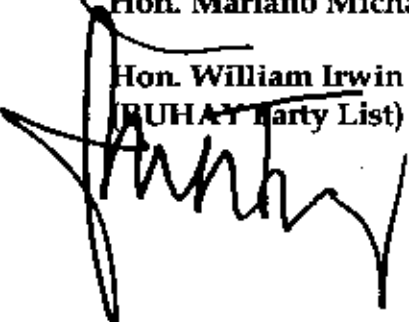
In this regard, this representation believes that the month of June, being the start of the school year, is fitting time to emphasize the significance of looking after the youth's welfare.

As an overview, this bill aims to (1) promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the Philippines; and to (2) recognize efforts made by such charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as a positive investment in the future of the Philippines.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly requested.



Hon. Mariano Michael M. Velarde Jr.



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AN ACT DESIGNATING JUNE OF EVERY YEAR AS THE 'YOUTH'S WELFARE AWARENESS MONTH' TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF CHARITIES BENEFITING CHILDREN AND YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES AND RECOGNIZING EFFORTS MADE BY THESE CHARITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH AS A POSITIVE INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "*Youth's Welfare Awareness Month of 2011.*"

SEC. 2. Declaration of Policy. - It is the policy of the State to recognize the vital role of the children in nation building, promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social being.

SEC. 3. Youth's Welfare Awareness Month. - To promote awareness of charities benefitting children and youth-serving organizations throughout the Philippines and to recognize efforts made by such charities and organizations on behalf of children and youth as a positive investment in the future of the Philippines, the whole month of June of every year shall be declared as the National Child Awareness Month.

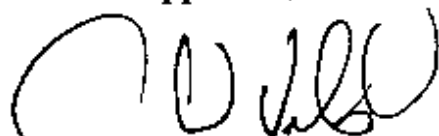
SEC. 4. Lead Agency. - The National Youth Commission (NYC) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), together with the Council for the Welfare of Children shall urge all citizens to recognize a "Youth's Welfare Awareness Month" and shall hold programs and activities in observance of the event. The Department of Education (DepEd) shall facilitate and encourage the celebration of this event in public and private schools nationwide.

SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the school divisions shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act. Such rules and regulations shall take effect immediately thereafter.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. - Any laws, decrees, ordinances or rules and regulations which are inconsistent with or contrary to the provision of this Act is hereby amended or repealed.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,



Hon. Michael M. Velarde

Hon. William Irwin Tieng
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