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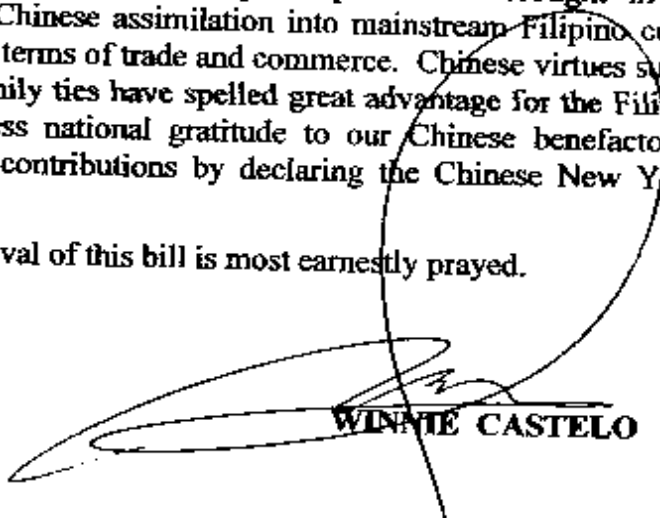
HOUSE BILL NO. 5719

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Filipino-Chinese cooperation since pre-Hispanic period has brought in only windfall to the Philippines. The Chinese assimilation into mainstream Filipino culture has even engendered more boon in terms of trade and commerce. Chinese virtues such as frugality, hard work, and close family ties have spelled great advantage for the Filipinos adopting them. If only to express national gratitude to our Chinese benefactors, it behooves us to honor their great contributions by declaring the Chinese New Year a special non-working holiday.

Hence, the immediate approval of this bill is most earnestly prayed.



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AN ACT
DECLARING CHINESE NEW YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY

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

SECTION 1. In honor of the immense contribution of the Filipino-Chinese community in national and cultural development in the Philippines, the Chinese New Year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the entire country every year.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,