



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Manila

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
THIRD REGULAR SESSION

House Bill No. 6500

Introduced by Representative **Anthony Rolando T. Golez, Jr.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is a highly religious country; the Philippine Constitution and other laws respects the beliefs of different religious groups. This respect that the State affords to different religious groups can be seen in the various holidays declared by law and by act of the President. The declaration of holidays gives members of a particular religious group ample time to reflect and celebrate their beliefs; it also allows the entire nation to recognize the role of that particular religious group in Philippine society.

On 2014, the Iglesia Ni Cristo will be celebrating its 100th Year Anniversary. The Iglesia Ni Cristo has millions of members around the country and abroad. Tracing its organization in the Philippines, the Iglesia Ni Cristo has contributed a lot to our society. In its entire existence, the Iglesia Ni Cristo has lead millions of Filipinos to live uprightly and have spiritual enlightenment. As such, it is just proper to recognize the role of the Iglesia Ni Cristo in the country by declaring a National Holiday to celebrate its 100th Year Anniversary.

The declaration of July 27, 2014 as a National Holiday, through the passage of a Republic Act, will show how the State gives importance and recognition to institutions that have contributed a lot to Philippine society.

Approval of the bill is earnestly sought.

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**"AN ACT DECLARING 2014, AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY IN CELEBRATION OF
THE 100th YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO"**

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

SECTION 1. July 27, 2014 is hereby declared as a day of celebration and a National Holiday to recognize the 100th Year Anniversary of the Iglesia Ni Cristo.

SECTION 2. July 27, 2014 is hereby declared as a non-working day. All work and classes on July 27, 2014 shall be suspended.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED,