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H. No. 116



Introduced by **Representative Teodorico T. Haresco, Jr.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Jaime Cardinal Sin, a revered Roman Catholic leader and former Archbishop of Iloilo and Manila, played an important role not only in the Catholic Church, but also in the country's political arena.

A native of New Washington, Aklan, Jaime Cardinal Sin was born on August 31, 1928 to a Chinese immigrant father and a Filipina mother. He entered St. Vincent Ferrer Seminary, was ordained to the presbyterium and became a priest of the Archdiocese of Jaro on April 3, 1954. He was appointed its auxiliary bishop on February 10, 1967. On March 18 of that year, he was ordained as bishop of the titular see of Obba. On March 15, 1972, Sin was appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Jaro, taking on administrative roles in the archdiocese, while holding the titular see of Massa Lubrense. On October 8, 1972, Sin was appointed Archbishop of Jaro, taking full control of the archdiocese.

He led the Archdiocese of Manila as its Archbishop on March 19, 1974, and was later made Cardinal by Pope Paul VI on May 24 of 1976.

He was only the third native Filipino Archbishop of Manila, following centuries of Spanish, American and Irish episcopacy.

During the tumultuous years of Marcos regime, Jaime Cardinal Sin led the Filipino people in fighting for their rights amidst oppression, and advocated the use of peaceful means following the Gospels' teachings, to change the political situation in the country.

Jaime Cardinal Sin then became one of the prime movers of the Peoples' Power Movement, following the famous EDSA Revolution.

The Filipino populace continued to be under the spiritual guidance of this charismatic religious leader during the Aquino, Ramos and Estrada administrations, and in the early years of the Macapagal administration.

On June 21, 2005, Jaime Cardinal Sin died at the age of 76, leaving behind a legacy that will be best remembered for his rallying the people to defend their rights and liberties.

In recognition of the role that Jaime Cardinal L. Sin played during his lifetime, as an icon of religion, a freedom fighter and a true blooded Aklanon, this bill seeks to declare every 31st day of August as a special non-working holiday in the Province of Aklan to commemorate the birth of the icon of religion and democracy.



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AKLANON AND AN ICON OF DEMOCRACY**

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

SECTION 1. In recognition of the eminent and patriotic services of the late Jaime Cardinal Sin, August Thirty-One of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Province of Aklan to commemorate the birth anniversary of Jaime L. Cardinal Sin, Archbishop of Iloilo and Manila, a true-blooded Aklanon and an icon of democracy.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

Approved.