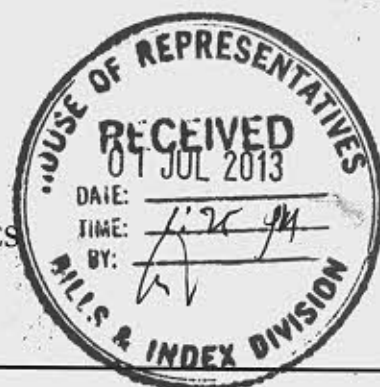


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House Bill No. 407



Introduced by Representative Susan A. Yap

EXPLANATORY NOTE

International Students' Day is widely celebrated by many countries on November 17 of each year. This occasion began and commemorates the students' resistance in Prague, Czechoslovakia during the Nazi occupation of 1939. This action also became the basis for the founding of the International Union of Students. The Philippines does not recognize such a day of commemoration. It is high time that the Philippines honor past student leaders and at the same time, institute an occasion that can encourage the youth to become genuine exemplars of service to the country while exercising their scholarly responsibilities.

The proposed bill seeks to recognize the contribution of students to national democracy and in nation-building. In particular, it will identify past student leaders in various fields that should serve as role models to today's student leaders, who must be able to balance both academic and extracurricular activities. It also aims to inspire youth leadership in different fields, from government, industrial, and scientific endeavors.

The bill mandates that the National Youth Commission (NYC), the Department of Education (DepEd), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) conduct activities related to student and youth empowerment.

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AN ACT
DECLARING THE SEVENTEENTH OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS
NATIONAL STUDENTS' DAY

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the National Students' Day Act.

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3 SECTION 2. November 17 of every year is hereby declared as National Students' Day in
4 the entire country to honor the efforts of student leaders of the past and to foster student leadership
5 and academic excellence among the students of the present.

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7 SECTION 3. Pursuant to the observance of the National Students' Day, an annual
8 program of activities shall be prepared and implemented with the National Youth Commission
9 (NYC) as the lead agency. In support thereof, the Department of Education (DepED) and the
10 Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall facilitate and promote the commemoration of this
11 day in all public and private schools. The Philippine Information Agency (PIA), in coordination with
12 the NYC, the DepED and the CHED, shall ensure the effective information dissemination of this Act.

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14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
15 *Gazette* or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,