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HOUSE BILL No. 645

Introduced by: **HON. AILEEN C. RADAZA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

For decades, the heroism of Datu Lapu Lapu in successfully defending Mactan against foreign invaders has long been considered as the first successful repulsion of foreign aggression and with this feat came the recognition that Datu Lapu-Lapu became the first Philippine hero.

The City of Lapu-Lapu was named in Honor of such heroism, has been commemorating that fateful 27th day of April as the "KADAUGAN SA MACTAN" through a weeklong celebration culminating on the staging and reenactment of the epic battle of Mactan.

Every April 27, the City has been given a special proclamation from the Office of the President to have the said day declared a special non-working day in the City of Lapu-Lapu, and with this bill, the observance of April 27 as a special non-working holiday will be institutionalized.

Moreover, the bravery and patriotism of Datu Lapu-Lapu is but a fitting reminder to all Filipinos that no amount of force, intimidation and aggression shall make the Philippines be cowed as we reverberate the famous words of Lapu-Lapu when he said to Ferdinand Magellan " I BOW TO NO KING, I OWE MY ALLEGIANCE ONLY TO MY PEOPLE".

With this as our guiding principle, I seek the approval of this bill.



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**“AN ACT DECLARING THE 27TH OF APRIL OF EVERY YEAR AS
A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF LAPU-
LAPU IN HONOR OF THE HEROISM OF DATU LAPU LAPU IN
DEFENDING MACTAN AGAINST THE FOREIGN AGRESSION
INSTIGATED BY FERDINAND MAGELLAN IN THE HISTORIC
BATTLE OF MACTAN”**

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 “Lapu-Lapu
Heroism Day Act”.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the declared policy of the State to give
due recognition and honor Filipinos who have shown bravery and patriotism in
defending the country or any part thereof from unlawful aggression.

It is this avowed policy that the State honors and recognizes the bravery
and patriotism of Datu Lapu-Lapu in defeating Ferdinand Magellan and his army
in the epic Battle of Mactan on the fateful 27th day of April 1521.

Section 3. Special Non-Working Holiday. -

a). It is hereby declared that 27th day of April of every year hereafter shall be a special non-working holiday in the City of Lapu-Lapu in honor and in observance of the heroism of Datu Lapu Lapu in the Battle of Mactan.

b). For the rest of the country, it shall be a special non-working holiday only at the option of the different LGUs concerned, upon proper request made to the Office of the President of the Philippines who is hereby empowered to issue approval thereof.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. - Any law, rules, regulations, decrees, executive orders and other similar issuances contrary to or inconsistent with any provisions of this Act, is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

Section 5. Separability Clause. - Any portion or part of this Act that shall be declared illegal or unconstitutional shall not affect the other parts or portion hereof.

Section 6. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication of a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.