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House Bill No. **3956**



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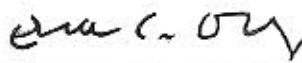
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The importance of declaring non-working holiday commemorating a foundation day in a barangay, municipality or city gives the residents an opportunity to organize socio-cultural and economic activities that may result to: perpetuation of history and culture of the place; and facilitation of income-generating or fund raising events.

Historically, Parañaque's name originated from the word "parañac" which means shell product. Because of its proximity to the sea, all products and other manufactured goods which raw materials comes from the sea became the major source of livelihood of Parañaque. Eventually, Parañaque became the center of trade and entrepreneurship in southern part of Metro Manila, vendors from different towns and localities put up a small scale business in the town which made Parañaque as one of the major trade or business centers in the Philippines. Today, Parañaque blossoms into a developed city which instigates the conversion of the town into a highly-urbanized city through Republic Act 8507 entitled "AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF PARAÑAQUE INTO A HIGHLY-URBANIZED CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE".

The advent of fast-phasing industry in Parañaque City requires businesses and entrepreneurs to develop a scheme that might introduce the local products of the city. Trade fairs are believed to be the best way to introduce and test new products to the market which can be done during the celebration of Foundation Day of Parañaque City. Whereas, the need of holiday declaration every February 13 of every year as Foundation Day of Parañaque City is hereby appealed by the said Local Government Unit to enable new products to be introduced in a larger market. Also the cultures and traditions being the main reasons of feasts or celebration in the city will be preserved if the people are not pre-occupied of their regular work during the day. They are able to organize events like the traditional 'sunduan', and 'caracol'.

All these will be made possible if non-working holiday every February 13 of every year will be declared.


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**AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 13 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-
WORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, METRO MANILA**

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

SECTION 1. February 13 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working public holiday in the City of Parañaque, Metro Manila to commemorate its founding anniversary.

SECTION 2. This shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,