



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4565



Introduced by Honorable Herminia B. Roman

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare May 8 of every year as Hermosa Day and a special non-working public holiday in the Municipality of Hermosa, Province of Bataan.

May 8 is a milestone in the history of Hermosa, Bataan. It was on May 8, 1756 when Hermosa was established and officially became a town upon the approval of Governor General Manuel de Arandia. It was also in the same year that an independent catholic parish was established in this town with St. Peter de Verona as its patron saint.

Today, the town boasts of the Hermosa Special Economic Zone which is home to the Subic Hermosa Cybercity, a 93-hectare special economic zone that hosts a number of locator businesses dealing in information technology (IT), manufacturing of electronic products, IT research and development, and multi-media industries.

As to public utilities, Digitel is the major provider of telecommunication services in the municipality. Electrification is 100% provided by the Peninsula Electric Company (PENELCO). Hermosa's location is strategically accessible to and from Manila, San Fernando and Olongapo because leading bus lines are regularly plying its main roads.

The leading business enterprise in this municipality are fruit processing of mangoes and bananas, weaving of handicrafts, stuffed-toy making, hand painting of jars, and *balut* and salted egg making. The aquaculture industry which was

traditionally concentrated on bangus, tilapia and crab, now incorporates prawn farming.

With the significant developments that have propelled Hermosa to what it is today, it is only fitting to designate a special day every year to showcase the products that the town is famous for. This particular day will also highlight the ingenuity of its townsfolk to transform and sustain a progressive Hermosa.

By declaring May 8 of every year as a non-working public holiday in the Municipality of Hermosa, its people will be given full opportunity to commemorate and celebrate the historic event with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. May 8 of every year is hereby declared as
Hermosa Day and a special non-working public holiday in the Municipality
of Hermosa, Province of Bataan.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a national newspaper of general
circulation.

Approved,