

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

Sixteenth Congress
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **5427**



Introduced by **Honorable Leopoldo N. Bataoil**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare November 13 of every year as the Speaker Eugenio Perez Day and a special non-working public holiday in the Province of Pangasinan repealing for the purpose Republic Act No. 6721

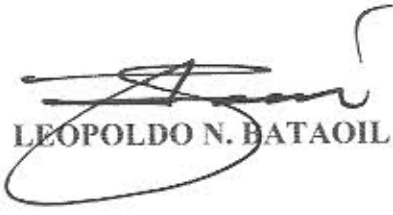
Hon. Eugenio Perez was the first Pangasinense to become Speaker of the Philippine Legislature.

He first entered politics in 1926 when he was elected to the municipal council of San Carlos, Pangasinan. In 1926, he was elected to the Philippine Legislature as a Representative of the Second District of Pangasinan. In 1946, he joined the Liberal Party, which obtained a congressional majority in the House of Representatives. He was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives when the 1st Congress of the Philippines convened later that year, and served as House Speaker throughout the 1st and 2nd Congresses.

As a member of the Philippines Legislature, he helped in the passage of the Bell Trade Act and the Party Rights Amendment to the Constitution, allowing the American Citizens and Corporations equal access to Philippine minerals, forests and other natural resources. He defended the exercise of President Quirino emergency power granted to the President after the end of World War II.

Declaring November 13 as a special non-working holiday for the Province of Pangasinan will give the Pangasinense an opportunity to honor a person who has done so much for the Province.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly encouraged.


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

SECTION 1. November 13 of every year is hereby declared as the Speaker Eugenio Perez day and a special non-working holiday in the Province of Pangasinan, repealing for the purpose Republic Act 6721.

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

Approved,