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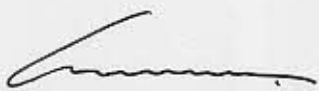
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) are considered as our modern heroes or "Bagong Bayani" for they are those who made sacrifices in leaving the country, their homes and family to work abroad to earn money to support their family.

The purpose of the declaration of OFW Day is to acknowledge their valuable assistance and contribution to the country and as a true hero for each of their own family, relative and loved ones whom they are able to help and support because of their unwavering dedication and love.

Therefore, the Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW) deserve recognition and appreciation for their hard work for the benefit of their family and their country.

As such, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DECLARING EVERY 20TH OF DECEMBER OF EACH YEAR AS OVERSEAS
FILIPINO WORKERS' (OFW) DAY

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 "Overseas Filipino Workers' (OFW's) Day".

Section 2. *Overseas Filipino Workers' Day.* The 20th day of December of every year shall be known as the "Overseas Filipino Workers' (OFW) Day" shall hereby be declared as a Special Working Holiday to recognize and appreciate the contribution and sacrifices of the OFW's in different parts of the world.

Section 3. *Annual Celebration Activity.* Pursuant to the declaration of "Overseas Filipino Worker's (OFW's) Day" there shall be an annual celebration activity towards recognition of modern heroes for their valuable service and performance.

Section 4. *Information Dissemination.* The Philippine Information Agency in coordination with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Philippine Overseas Employment Association (POEA) shall ensure the effective information dissemination of this Act.

Section 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.