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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Philippines

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL No. 5139



Introduced by **HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVE PEDRO B. ACHARON, JR.**

AN ACT

DECLARING THE TENTH OF SEPTEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS A NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF POLOMOLOK, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO IN COMMEMORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY AND CELEBRATION OF THE "F'LOMLOK FESTIVAL"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

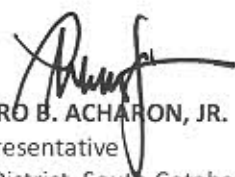
"F'lomlok is a term derived from the B'laan word which means "hunting ground." The land where the present-day Municipality of Polomolok in the Province of South Cotabato used to be the favorite hunting grounds of the B'laans, an ethnic group common in the plains and hinterlands of Southern Mindanao long before the arrival of early settlers from Luzon and the Visayas.

From hunting grounds in the past, to vast pineapple plantations at present, the people of Polomolok, South Cotabato commemorate their humble beginnings and celebrate the blessings they enjoy from the wealth of the land that they now enjoy, through the annual "F'lomlok Festival.

As a showcase of the Municipality's vibrant and rich tapestry of culture, the festival is celebrated every September 10 of each year to give life, purpose and meaning to its foundation day.

This bill therefore seeks approval by an act of Congress of the Philippines that September 10 of each year be declared a non-working holiday in the Municipality of Polomolok, Province of South Cotabato to give the people of Polomolok a full opportunity to reflect on the significance and deeper meaning of their foundation day.

In view of the foregoing, the early passage of this measure is most fervently sought.


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

SECTION 1. September Ten of every year is hereby declared a non-working public holiday throughout the Municipality of Polomolok, Province of South Cotabato to be known as "F'lomlok Festival and Foundation Anniversary".

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

Approved.