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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **6219**

Introduced by Representative Florida P. Robes

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Tanglawan Festival was launched last 10 September 2016, as part of the commemoration of the founding anniversary of the City of San Jose Del Monte, Province of Bulacan which was declared as a special nonworking holiday in the city by virtue of Republic Act No. 9750. Derived from the word "ilaw" which means "light", this festival is in honor of the Lady of Lourdes, known as a beacon among her believers. In more ways than one, she has served as an inspiration, guiding light and symbol of hope to many San Joseños. In these hard times, people find solace in their faith as it is the most potent weapon to surpass all trials and to enjoy the triumphs over evils in our midst.

Just like other festival celebrations in the country, from which people derive joy and happiness, this festival celebration will give San Joseños more reasons to appreciate the beauty of life and of living, despite the societal problems which they are confronted with, on a daily basis. Officially integrating it in the Foundation Day of the City of San Jose del Monte, every September 10 would make the Day more meaningful and special. This Day will not only commemorate the cityhood of SJDM but will also remind people that behind all the triumphs and failures in life, they should not forget that with strong determination and unwavering faith in God, everything that their heart's desire is possible. God will light the path to the realization of their dreams and aspirations. Hence, the passage of this bill, seeking to integrate Tanglawan Festival in celebration of the City's founding day by amending Republic Act No. 9750, is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9750, DECLARING SEPTEMBER 10 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE "FOUNDATION DAY OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE"

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9750 is hereby amended, to read as follows:

"Section. 1. September 10 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the City of San Jose Del Monte, Province of Bulacan, in commemoration of its founding day **AND THE ANNUAL "TANGLAWAN FESTIVAL"** [and] to be known as the "Foundation Day of the City of San Jose del Monte."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

Approved,