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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
Third Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 7911

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE LUCY TORRES GOMEZ

AN ACT
DECLARING JUNE TWENTY-NINE OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-
WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF
LEYTE IN CELEBRATION OF THE CITY'S FIESTA

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

SECTION 1. June Twenty-Nine of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the City of Ormoc, Province of Leyte in celebration of the city's Fiesta.

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

Approved,

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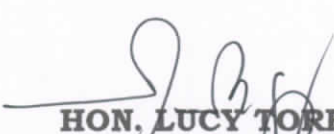
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The City of Ormoc in the Province of Leyte celebrates its annual fiesta on June 29, in honor of its patron saints, Saints Peter and Paul.

A historic badge of the religious fervor of Ormocanons, the yearly fiesta has also emerged as a major tourism event for the city, as well as the entire province of Leyte. Preceded this year by the holding of a bigger and grander Pina Festival, the fiesta has also become an opportunity for the marketing and promotion of the city's world-class queen Pineapple variety, which is a source of pride and livelihood for the farmers.

The convergence of activities timed with the holding of the city fiesta – religious, cultural, tourism-related and economic – showcases the integrated community life of the people of Ormoc City in Leyte. The importance of the annual event, therefore, more than justifies the herein proposed declaration as a special non-working holiday if only to give the people the fullest opportunity to celebrate the bounty of nature and the richness of their culture.

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


HON. LUCY TORRES GOMEZ
Representative
Fourth District, Province of Leyte