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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8065



Introduced by REP. BENHUR L. SALIMBANGON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

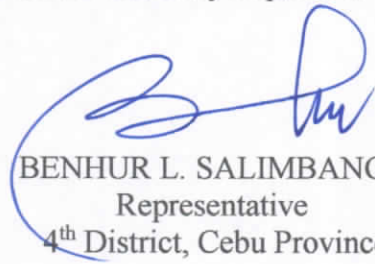
The late Marcelo Briones Fernan was a lawyer of no ordinary talent having graduated from the elite public law school of the University of the Philippines where he successfully entered coming as he does from a provincial academic school in Cebu.

Marcelo Briones Fernan saw the vision of his father, Judge Wenceslao Fernan, to foster the noble ideals of a social institution, the Bogo Redeemers Society (BRS) which his father founded in Bogo City to continue transforming and molding the character of thousands of Bogohanon youth and make it relevant for almost a hundred years. Marcelo Briones Fernan was elected Cebu Provincial Board and Batasang Pambansa member, Constitutional Convention delegate and National President of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, all elective positions at grassroots. Marcelo Briones Fernan was appointed Constitutional Commission member, Associate Justice and later Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, thereby becoming constitutionally mandated head of the Judiciary Branch, one of three great branches of government. Marcelo Briones Fernan was nationally elected by the people as Senator of the Republic and thereupon chosen President thereof by his peers, he thereby again for the second time headed another branch of government, the Senate of the Philippines. Marcelo Briones Fernan in his lifetime became the only Filipino to have held two great branches of government (see Wikipedia) he has thereby distinguished himself undeniably an "illustrious Filipino" and "statesman".

This bill seeks to construct a monument at Bogo City, Cebu where Marcelo Briones Fernan hails from befitting of a person who has served as head of the two branches of government, the Judiciary and Legislative branches of government. The monument would be an enduring tribute to a person who has been considered as legal luminary, a statesman and illustrious Filipino.

Under this bill, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines shall exercise supervision and control over the construction of the aforementioned monument.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bills is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 24 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL
NON-WORKING HOLIDAY KNOWN AS "MARCELO BRIONES FERNAN DAY"
IN THE CITY OF BOGO IN HONOR OF THE LATE MARCELO BRIONES FERNAN,
AN OUTSTANDING STATESMAN AND LEGAL LUMINARY

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

Section 1. Short Title – October 24 of every year is hereby declared as a special nonworking holiday known as "Marcelo Briones Fernan Day" in the City of Bogo, Cebu to commemorate one of the greatest and outstanding Bogohanon, Marcelo Briones Fernan, a statesman and an illustrious Filipino.

Section 2. Effectivity – This act shall take effect 15 days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in 2 newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,