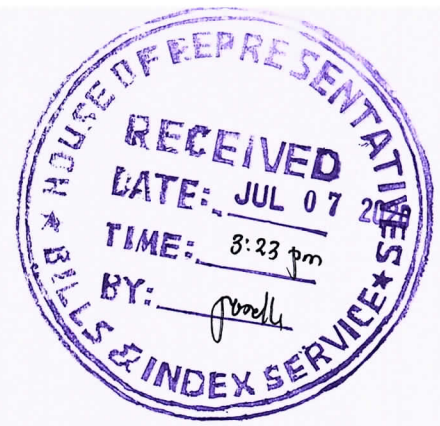


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House Bill No. 7069

Introduced by Representative Victor A. Yap

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Eduardo “Danding” Murphy Cojuangco, Jr., a Philippine Ambassador and former Governor of Tarlac and Congressman, shared huge contributions to Philippine politics, sports, business and service to the country.

He was Chairman Emeritus to the Nationalist People’s Coalition, a political party he founded in 1992 through his visionary approach to dealing with setbacks and difficulties in the country. Being a staunch supporter of basketball in the country, he is best remembered as the godfather of the sports itself. The time he served as Chair and Chief Executive Officer of San Miguel Corporation not only enabled the company to generate thousands of livelihood and employment opportunities that benefited many Filipino families, but also helped those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic by providing support and assistance to our frontliners and vulnerable sectors. Needless to say, these only show his compassion and total commitment to the people’s welfare above his personal ambitions.

Most of all, Mr. Cojuangco, Jr., was a true servant leader who exemplified a tradition of devotion and dedication to serve the Province of Tarlac and its people. Known to many as “Boss Danding”, he gave the word a whole new meaning as *Bawat Oras Sama-Sama* – a meaning which he truly lived by, where he dedicated his time, effort, and selfless service to all Tarlaqueños.

He had shown mighty ideals of service in leadership, progress and development for all - magnified in all his accomplishments in Tarlac, such as his benevolent programs for the betterment of education, health and infrastructures in his beloved province. He launched Project HOPE (Hone Out-of-School Youth to be Productive and Empowered) that provides free training and job opportunities to out-of-school youth, which helped thousands get employed. He likewise introduced the Project FREE (Flagships to Reach Educational Excellence) to help public school teachers with their masteral and doctorate degrees, which is a well-thought out personal investment that will help the Tarlac youth get better education - as he believed the greatest factor in formal education are the teachers.

In recognition of his immense contribution to the country, and as a gratitude for his genuine love for the province of Tarlac shown in his exemplary record in public service, this bill seeks to declare June 10 of every year as a special non-working holiday in the entire province of Tarlac in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Eduardo “Danding” Murphy Cojuangco, Jr.


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AN ACT

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

1 **SECTION 1.** In recognition of his altruistic devotion to public service and being one of the
2 pillars of the history of Tarlac, June 10 of every year is hereby declared as a special non-working
3 holiday in the entire province of Tarlac in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Eduardo
4 "Danding" Murphy Cojuangco, Jr., to be known as "*Danding Cojuangco Day*."

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6 **SEC. 2.** The Department of Labor and Employment, in consultation with the National
7 Historical Institute, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
8 implementation of this Act.

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10 **SEC. 3.** All laws, orders, presidential issuances, rules and regulations or part thereof
11 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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13 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official
14 Gazette or in at least two (2)s newspapers of general circulation
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Approved,