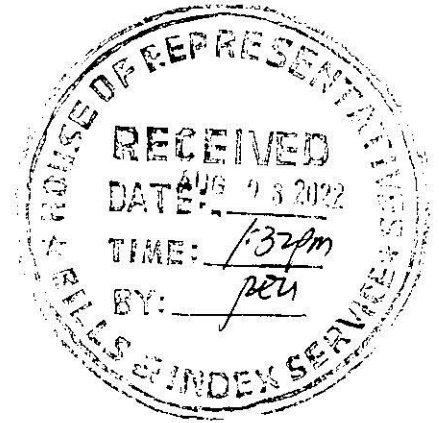


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HOUSE BILL NO. 3085



Introduced by Rep. LORETO B. ACHARON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On February 27, 1939, Major General Paulino Santos (RET), Philippine Army, led the relocation of no less than 62 Christian settlers from Luzon to the shores of Sarangani Bay aboard the steamship "Basilan". These 62 pioneers were the first batch of migrants with the mission to develop the economic potentials of the area through agriculture.

Organized under the auspices of the National Land Settlement Administration during the term of H.E. President Manuel L. Quezon, the first formal settlement was established and called as the "Municipal District of Buayan" with the appointment of Datu Sharif Zainal Abedin, an Arab mestizo married to a daughter of a very influential datu, as the first district municipal mayor.

Many more Christian families numbering by the thousands from Luzon and the Visayas subsequently came to settle permanently and lived in harmony with the indigenous inhabitants called "Blaans" and other ethnic groups as well.

This measure therefore seeks to institutionalize February 27 of every year as a special nonworking holiday in commemoration of the historical beginnings and cultural roots of our people and the constituents of the Lone District of the City of General Santos.

As such, the people of General Santos City are accorded time to honor, give credence and importance; and acknowledge in a noble and festive fashion the struggles, sacrifices, and pioneering spirit of our predecessors.

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


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AN ACT
DECLARING FEBRUARY 27 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN
THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING
ANNIVERSARY.

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

SECTION 1. February 27 of every year is hereby declared as a special nonworking holiday in the City of General Santos in commemoration of its founding anniversary.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED.