



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila



Nineteenth Congress
First Regular Session
HOUSE BILL NO. **3746**

Introduced by Honorable Arnan C. Panaligan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare every 21 of March as a Special Non-working Holiday in the City of Calapan, Oriental Mindoro in commemoration of its founding anniversary.

The Municipality of Calapan was converted into a component city on March 21, 1998 by virtue of Republic Act No. 8475 which was signed into law by President Fidel V. Ramos on February 2, 1998. In a plebiscite held on March 21, 1998, the creation of the City of Calapan was ratified garnering 76% of Yes votes. The City of Calapan is the first city in the Province of Oriental Mindoro and is currently the Regional Government Center of the MIMAROPA Region. Its conversion into a component city transformed the once sleepy town of Calapan into a bustling center of commerce and trade, finance, education and regional governance. The City is comprised of sixty-two (62) barangays which serve as home to its 145,786 inhabitants, all belonging to various walks of life and beliefs.

The declaration of 21 March of every year as special non-working day is only fitting and proper for a meaningful observance of this landmark event.

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

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Representative, 1st District of Oriental Mindoro



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ANNIVERSARY**

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

SECTION 1. March 21 of every year is hereby declared a special non-
working holiday in the City of Calapan, Oriental Mindoro in commemoration of
its founding anniversary.

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

Approved,