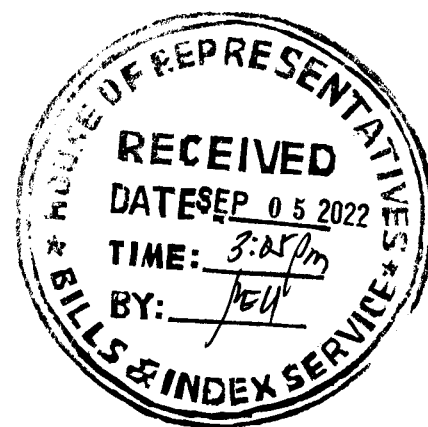


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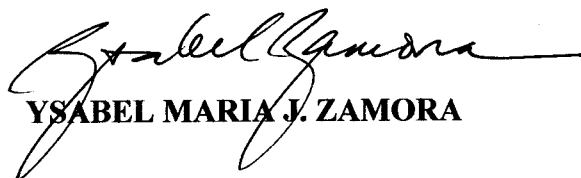
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

August 30, 1896 is an important day in the history of the City of San Juan, and of the entire country. This day marks the very first encounter between members of the secret society of Katipunan and the Spanish Guardia Civil, the first major battle that sparked the Philippine revolution for independence from Spain. During the course of said battle, also known in history as the Battle of San Juan del Monte, about 200 Katipuneros were believed to have been taken as prisoners, and 153 lost their lives.

While the battle was considered a loss, it nonetheless awakened Filipinos to launch bolder and unceasing attempts to clinch true freedom, and begin what eventually turned out as a protracted process to break from the shackles of colonization. Despite the outcome of the attack, the news from Pinaglabanan quickly spread in other areas of the country, particularly in Manila and Cavite. All succeeding battles for freedom were believed to have gained momentum because of the Battle at Pinaglabanan.

This measure is being proposed to give more formal credit to the significance of this momentous event. More than 120 years after it occurred, it is time to give San Juanenos sufficient time, and recurring opportunity, to revisit and reflect on the significance of this historic battle. Thus, it is proposed that August 30 of every year be dedicated as a special nonworking holiday in the City of San Juan, Metro Manila, to commemorate the Battle of San Juan Del Monte, or what is now more popularly known as the Battle of Pinaglabanan.

My advance thanks and appreciation to all of my Esteemed Colleagues of the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress, for considering and approving this proposal with dispatch.

  
**YSABEL MARIA J. ZAMORA**

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**An Act**  
**Declaring August 30 of Every Year a Special Nonworking Holiday in the City of San Juan,**  
**Metro Manila, to be Known as “Araw ng Pinaglabanan”**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippine Congress Assembled:*

- 1 **Section 1.** August 30 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the City of  
2 San Juan, Metro Manila, to be known as “Araw ng Pinaglabanan.”  
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4 **Section 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette  
5 or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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7 Approved,