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HOUSE BILL NO. 6565

INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN STEVE CHIONGBIAN SOLON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Jesus Reigns: A Day of Celebration has been observed since November 30, 2012. It started in Cebu and has since then continued to draw millions of the followers and believers of the Lord Jesus Christ not only in the eighty-two (82) provinces and major cities of the country but also in other countries, like Indonesia, Japan, and America, where they gather and celebrate.

The celebration is ecumenical, participated in by Christian congregations and others who want to witness the greatness of Jesus. The community of believers come together on this special day to rejoice in thanksgiving for the blessings and future blessings the Almighty has and will bestow upon the Philippines and the Filipinos.

This bill, therefore, seeks to grant the millions of followers the space and the recognition to truly express their faith and the actual celebration. It proposes to declare the 30th of November every year as Jesus Reigns National Day of Worship.

The references of the bill include Republic Act No. 10966 or "An Act Declaring December 8 of Every Year a Special Nonworking Holiday in the Entire Country to Commemorate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the Principal Patroness of the Philippines," Republic Act No. 11370 or "An Act Declaring September 8 of Every Year a Special Working Holiday in the Entire Country to Commemorate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary," Republic Act No. 11163 or the "National Bible Day Act," and Republic Act No. 9645, the "Commemoration of the Founding Anniversary of Iglesia ni Cristo Act," Republic Act 9849 or "An Act Declaring the Tenth Day of Zhul Hiffa, the Twelfth Month of the Islamic Calendar A National Holiday for the Observance of Eiduladha," and Republic Act 9177 or "An Act Declaring the First Day of Shawwal a National Holiday for the Observance of Eid'ul Fitr."

Thus, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DECLARING EVERY 30TH DAY OF NOVEMBER EVERY YEAR AS JESUS REIGNS
NATIONAL DAY OF WORSHIP

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "Jesus Reigns National Day of Worship Act."

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is the declared policy of the State to recognize the activities of "Jesus Reigns" on its National Day of Worship. It is an ecumenical event participated in by all religious communities that want to celebrate the greatness of Jesus. This expression of faith will solidify the values, moral and spiritual fiber of the Filipino people.

SECTION 3. *Date Significance.* - November 30, 2012 is important to the movement of Jesus Reigns in the Philippines because it is when Jesus Reigns was first celebrated in Cebu. The event eventually spread to 82 provinces that simultaneously celebrated Jesus Reigns every November 30, cutting across churches, denominations, families, and establishments that are bonded together to honor Jesus in worship and in prayer for national transformation.

SECTION 4. *National Day of Worship.* - All believers shall be given the opportunity to celebrate the Jesus Reigns National Worship Day every November 30. The community of believers may gather together on this special day to rejoice in thanksgiving for the blessings and future blessings the Almighty has and will bestow upon the Philippines and the Filipinos;

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* - Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended, accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper/s of general circulation.

Approved,