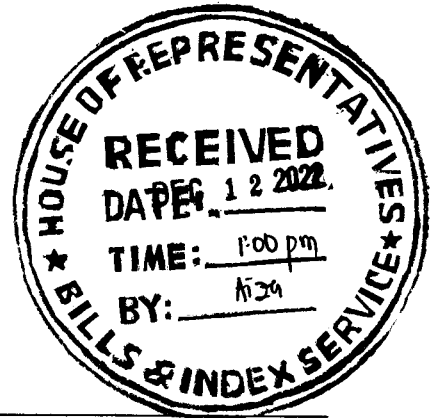


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HOUSE BILL NO. 6605



Introduced by Rep. Ray Florence T. Reyes and Rep. Ma. Theresa V. Collantes

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the 7th of March of every year as a special non-working holiday in the City of Sto. Tomas, Province of Batangas, in commemoration of its founding anniversary.

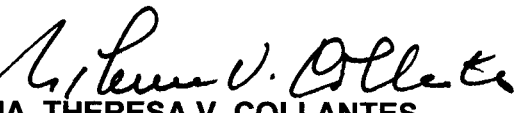
The City of Sto. Tomas is a first class municipality in the 3rd District of Batangas. It occupies 3.06% of the total land area of the province, and is home to 7.51% of the province's total population.

Sto. Tomas boasts a rich history, being one of the first towns in Batangas. It was established in 1666 when Spanish friars constructed a Roman Catholic Church near the San Juan River. From here, the town grew as more people built homes around the church, which spurred economic activity in the area. Named after its patron saint, St. Thomas Aquinas of the Dominican order, the city is also home to Miguel Malvar, the last Filipino General to surrender to the Americans, thus ending the Philippine-American War in 1902.

Since 2009, the *Tomasinos* have celebrated the *Mahaguyog* festival to commemorate their foundation.

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


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“ARAW NG STO. TOMAS”, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING
ANNIVERSARY

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

SECTION 1. March 7 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the City of Sto. Tomas, Province of Batangas, to be known as “***Araw ng Sto. Tomas***”, 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,