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HOUSE BILL NO. 7587

**Introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez,
Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe, Ferdinand Alexander A. Marcos,
Yedda Marie K. Romualdez and Jude A. Acidre**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare March 10 of every year as a special working day to be known as the "*National JCI Philippines Day*," in recognition of the invaluable contributions made by JCI Philippines to leadership development and community service in the country.

On March 10, 1948, the Junior Chamber International (JCI), during its 3rd World Congress held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, granted the charter to JCI Philippines, then Philippines Jaycees, and admitted the first national organization in Asia to the growing global network of young leaders.

As the pioneering JCI national organization established in Asia, JCI Philippines has taken the Filipino instinct of brotherhood and neighborly helpfulness, added an organizational concept born in the United States, adopted it to our Asian culture, and built it into a nation-wide organization that has contributed materially to the welfare, well-being, and prestige of the Filipino people.

Throughout its seventy-five years of existence in the Philippines, JCI Philippines has committed to develop its members and equip them with the necessary skills to create positive change and provide them with the unique

opportunity to share their voice and engage with the community to address community challenges and create sustainable impact.

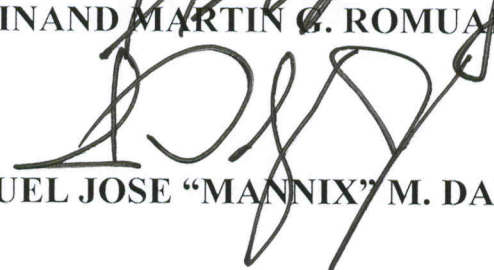
Through its mission *"To provide leadership development opportunities that empower young people to create positive change,"* and its vision *"To be the foremost global network of young leaders"*, JCI Philippines continues on its journey to bring together young leaders from all sectors of society – from the halls of government, on the streets of our communities and in the boardrooms of business – to create sustainable impact and transform their communities.

The declaration of March 10 of every year as the National JCI Philippines Day is consistent with the constitutional mandate under Section 23, Article II, of the 1987 Constitution, which provides that *"The State shall encourage non-governmental, community-based, or sectoral organizations that promote the welfare of the nation."*

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



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AN ACT

**DECLARING MARCH 10 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO BE KNOWN AS THE
“NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL (JCI) PHILIPPINES
DAY”**

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

SECTION 1. March 10 of every year is hereby declared as a special
working holiday in the entire country to be known as the “*National JCI
Philippines Day*,” to commemorate the annual anniversary of Junior Chamber
International (JCI) Philippines and recognize its long history of providing
leadership development opportunities, humanitarian work and youth engagement
to uplift the conditions of Filipino people.

1 SEC. 2. The JCI Philippines may coordinate with the different national
2 government agencies, local government units and private sectors for its program
3 and activities to ensure that the significance of the National JCI Philippines Day
4 is instilled in all Filipino youth and future leaders.

5 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
6 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

7 Approved,