

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8654

Introduced by Representative **CARLITO S. MARQUEZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare September 11 of every year as a special non-working public holiday in the Municipality of Altavas, Province of Aklan.

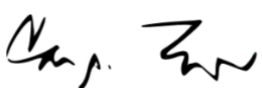
The birth of what was formerly known as sitio Jimeno, the Municipality of Altavas in the Province of Aklan bears its long history in attribution to the efforts of no other than the late Senator Jose Cortez Altavas.

Local history reveals that the town of Altavas was first established as a town in 1862 as Jimeno, which was named after the Bishop P. Romualdo Jimeno of Cebu. Senator Jose Cortez Altavas forged his legacy by pursuing the independence of Altavas (Jimeno) from New Washington, pursuant to the issuance of Executive Order No. 86 by Governor General Francis Burton Harrison in 1918.

By tradition, Altavasnons celebrate September 11 in recognition of the late senator's birth as "Altavas Day". Institutionalizing its date for celebration will be a time of reflection of the past and reminiscence of patriotism that led to the formation of the town. It will be a memorialization of the late Senator Jose Altavas and his gleaming works. Altavasnons are forever indebted to him and for his brilliance of being Panay's statesman, parliamentarian, and lawyer.

Let every year thereafter be an opportunity to retell the narratives of how late Senator Jose Altavas struggled for its creation and independence. Let this story be shared from generation to generation, that they may honor their memory and preserve their heritage.

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


ENGR. CARLITO "Lito" S. MARQUEZ

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DECLARING SEPTEMBER 11 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALTAVAS, PROVINCE OF AKLAN, TO
BE KNOWN AS THE “ALTAVAS DAY”

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

1 **SECTION 1.** September 11 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working
2 holiday in the Municipality of Altavas, Province of Aklan to be known as “Altavas Day”.

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

Approved,