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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **8705**



**Introduced by: REP. RONALD V. SINGSON, REP. KRISTINE SINGSON-MEEHAN
AND REP. RICHELLE SINGSON**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare February 2 of every year as a special nonworking holiday in the province of Ilocos Sur, which shall be known as the "Ilocos Sur Kannawidan Festival."

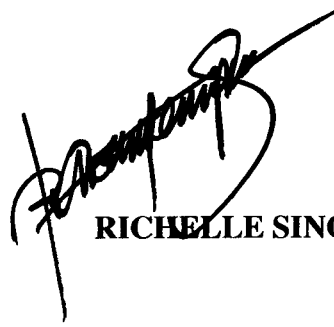
The Province of Ilocos Sur was created by virtue of a Spanish Royal Decree dated 02 February 1818. This is the date that the Kannawidan Festival is being commemorated yearly, which gives the people of Ilocos Sur an opportunity to celebrate the separation of Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte.

Section 27 of the Executive Order No. 292 or the Administrative Code of 1987 provides that, "The president may proclaim any local special day for a particular date, group or place." However, the authority of the President is limited. Thus, the declaration needs to be made yearly thru legislation.

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


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**AN ACT DECLARING FEBRUARY 2 OF EVERY YEAR AS 'ILOCOS SUR KANNAWIDAN
FESTIVAL,' A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR**

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

Section 1. February 2 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Province of Ilocos Sur, to be known as "Ilocos Sur Kannawidan Festival," in commemoration of its founding anniversary.

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

Approved,