

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**TWENTIETH CONGRESS**  
*First Regular Session*

HOUSE BILL NO. 233



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Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE AUDREY KAY T. ZUBIRI**

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING DECEMBER 12TH OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING**  
**HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY TO COMMEMORATE THE FEAST OF OUR**  
**LADY OF GUADALUPE**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, celebrated every 12<sup>th</sup> of December, holds deep spiritual and cultural significance for millions of Catholics - not only in the Philippines but around the world.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is recognized as the Patroness of the Unborn. She is also revered as a protector of life and a source of maternal compassion, drawing the faithful from all walks of life. As such, she has become venerated as a symbol of hope, unity, and enduring faith—a devotion that transcends generations and continents.

In the Philippines, devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe has grown increasingly prevalent, with numerous churches, dioceses, and communities holding annual masses and processions in her honor.

By declaring December 12 as a special working holiday, it will allow Filipinos to meaningfully participate in religious observances, enrich their spiritual lives, and reflect on the values that Our Lady of Guadalupe embodies.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought to safeguard lives, livelihoods, and national development.

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**AUDREY KAY T. ZUBIRI**

*Representative, 3<sup>rd</sup> District of Bukidnon*

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

1       **SECTION 1.** *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "*Feast of Our Lady of*  
2 *Guadalupe Day Act.*"

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4       **SEC. 2.** *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Day.* - December 12 of every year is hereby  
5 declared as a special working holiday in the entire country to commemorate the Feast of Our  
6 Lady of Guadalupe.

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8       **SEC. 3.** *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication  
9 in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*