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House Bill No. **671**



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE EMIGDIO P. TANJUATCO III**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

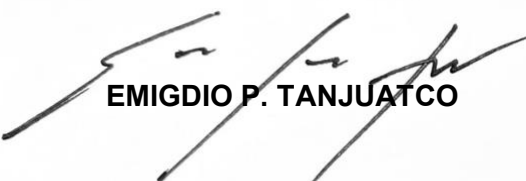
The Municipality of Tanay, nestled in the Province of Rizal, is home to a deeply rooted cultural and religious tradition that has been observed for centuries: the Feast Day of San Ildefonso de Toledo, its patron saint. Celebrated every January 23, this annual festivity is more than a religious occasion—it is a vital cultural heritage that binds the community, preserves its historical identity, and reflects the enduring faith and values of the Tanayēños.

San Ildefonso, a revered figure in Catholic tradition, has long been regarded as the spiritual protector of the town. His feast day is commemorated with a series of vibrant activities including solemn masses, processions, street dances, parades, local fairs, and community programs. These events bring together residents, local organizations, civic leaders, and even visitors from surrounding towns in a spirit of unity, gratitude, and celebration.

The observance of this feast has grown beyond religious ritual; it has evolved into a cornerstone of Tanay's cultural calendar. It showcases the town's devotion, creativity, hospitality, and deep respect for tradition. The celebration also serves as a venue to promote local products, crafts, culinary heritage, and artistic talents—contributing to community pride and local economic activity.

This bill that seeks to declare January 23 as a special non-working holiday within the municipality of Tanay recognizes the cultural, spiritual, and historical importance of this day. It gives residents the freedom to fully participate in the celebration without the constraints of work or school obligations. This, in turn, allows for wider civic engagement, fosters intergenerational transmission of traditions, and supports the preservation of the town's intangible cultural heritage.

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


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AN ACT
DECLARING JANUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR AS SPECIAL NON-WORKING
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. The Constitution mandates the State to conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage. It is aimed at actively supporting efforts that safeguard and celebrate cultural traditions and practices that define the identity of Filipino communities. In line with this, January 23 of every year is hereby declared as special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Tanay, Province of Rizal in celebration of its annual town fiesta and the feast of its patron saint, St. Ildephonsus of Toledo.

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,