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HOUSE BILL No. 2053



Introduced by: **HON. CARL NICOLAS C. CARI**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure seeks to declare June 16 of every year as a special non-working holiday in the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte, to be known as the ***“Baybay City Charter Day”***.

The impetus for this legislative initiative is deeply rooted in the historical progression of the Municipality of Baybay to its status as a city, a transition formally realized through the enactment of Republic Act No. 9389 on March 15, 2007, and subsequently ratified by a majority affirmative vote during a plebiscite held on June 16, 2007. This date symbolizes the inception of significant opportunities, progress, and development for the City of Baybay.

The "Baybay City Charter Day" aligns with the constitutional mandate outlined in Section 15, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution. This constitutional provision declares that the State shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage, resources, and artistic creations.

Of particular relevance is House Bill No. 8066, introduced during the 17th Congress by Hon. Jose Carlos L. Cari, which shared the legislative intent to acknowledge and celebrate the Charter Day of the City of Baybay. The present bill builds upon the groundwork laid by House Bill 8066, reinforcing the commitment to institutionalize June 16 as a special non-working holiday.

In consonance with the aforementioned constitutional principle, the legislative measure presented herein seeks to institutionalize June 16 of every year as a special non-working holiday in the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte, in commemoration of its Charter Day. This initiative reflects the national policy of recognizing and preserving the cultural heritage and historical significance of localities across the Philippines.

By designating a special non-working holiday on June 16, the proposed legislation aspires to stand as a testament to the collective identity and pride of the Baybayanons. It is anticipated that the passage of this bill will contribute to solidifying their unity and fostering a shared commitment to commemorating the City's Charter Day, further contributing to the broader objective of nurturing a profound appreciation for the historical and cultural heritage that enriches the Filipino nation.

This measure was previously filed in the 19th Congress by the undersigned and was referred to the House Committee on Local Government on 02-12-2024.

In light of the foregoing, the imprimatur of this measure is eagerly sought.

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**AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 16 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF BAYBAY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, IN
COMMEMORATION OF ITS CHARTER DAY**

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

**ARTICLE 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

SECTION 1. June 16 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte, to be known as “Baybay City Charter Day”.

SECTION 2. On June 16 of every year, the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte, shall engage in festivities and conduct ceremonies and programs in cognizance of its history and culture, to be led by its officials and employees in coordination with civic sports, religious, and non-governmental organizations, and private businesses.

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

APPROVED,