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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4976



Introduced by Representatives Jose Ch. Alvarez and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 19 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN HONOR OF THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATIONAL HERO DR. JOSE P. RIZAL TO BE KNOWN AS "ARAW NG KAPANGANAKAN NI DR. JOSE P. RIZAL," AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11144

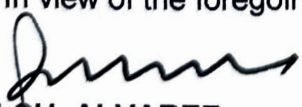
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare June 19 of every year as a special working holiday in the entire country in honor of the birth anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Rizal to be known as "Araw ng Kapanganakan ni Dr. Jose P. Rizal," amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 11144.

At present, Republic Act No. 11144 declares June 19 of every year as a special non-working holiday in Calamba City, Laguna, in commemoration of Rizal's birth anniversary. However, his influence and legacy transcend local boundaries and resonate with the entire nation. Honoring his birth as a special working holiday nationwide ensures that his contributions are remembered and celebrated by all Filipinos, while avoiding economic disruptions associated with a non-working holiday.

This bill seeks to amend R.A. No. 11144 by declaring June 19 of every year as a special working holiday, to be known as the "Araw ng Kapanganakan ni Dr. Jose P. Rizal." By institutionalizing this commemoration, the measure promotes national unity, historical consciousness, and civic responsibility, especially among the youth.

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


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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 11144 otherwise known as "AN ACT DECLARING JUNE 19 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE WHOLE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA IN HONOR OF THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATIONAL HERO, DR. JOSE P. RIZAL, TO BE KNOWN AS "ARAW NG KAPANGANAKAN NI DR. JOSE P. RIZAL." Is hereby amended as follows:

"Section 1. June 19 of every year is hereby declared as special working holiday in the whole country in honor of the birth anniversary of our national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal, to be known as "Araw ng Kapanganakan ni Dr. Jose P. Rizal."

SEC. 2. Repealing Clause. —. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved.