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House Bill No. 5008



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare August Five (August 5) of every year a special non-working holiday in the City of Calbayog to commemorate the birth anniversary of the late Senate President Jose Dira Avelino and enable its residents and local officials to fully participate in the festivities prepared by the local government.

Jose Dira Avelino was a brilliant lawyer, statesman, and public servant, widely recognized as the Father of the Philippine Workmen's Compensation Law, and a leading advocate for the rights and welfare of Filipino workers.

He served as the First Senate President of the Third Philippine Republic and was instrumental in the passage of landmark legislation such as the Social Security System, and in advancing the establishment of public high schools throughout the country.

He played a pivotal role in the creation of Calbayog as the first city in Samar, thereby contributing significantly to the political and socio-economic development of the region.

Despite his notable contributions to Philippine history and his deep roots in Calbayog, no official local holiday has yet been established in his honor within his birthplace.

Foregoing considered; the passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST FIVE OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN CALBAYOG CITY TO COMMEMORATE THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LATE SENATE PRESIDENT JOSE DIRA AVELINO TO BE KNOWN AS "JOSE DIRA AVELINO DAY"

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* This Act shall be known as the "Jose Dira Avelino Day."

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,