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HOUSE BILL NO. 6370



Introduced by Representative Kathryn Joyce F. Gorriceta, M.D.

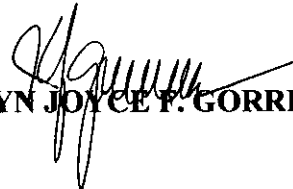
EXPLANATORY NOTE

General Martin T. Delgado was born in Sta. Barbara, Iloilo on November 11, 1858. At the age of 25, he was appointed as the *teniente mayor* and *capitan municipal* under the Spanish Colonial Government of the Philippines. He later on became the Chief Revolutionary leader in the island of Panay and was instrumental in leading numerous uprisings against the Spaniards that led to The Cry of Sta. Barbara on November 17, 1898, signalling the end of the Spanish Rule in the country. This was the first time that the Philippine Flag was raised outside of Luzon following the June 12, 1898 Proclamation of Independence in Kawit, Cavite.

This measure, which seeks to commemorate Gen. Martin T. Delgado's birth anniversary, is a fitting tribute for his heroism and bravery that encouraged individuals to revolt against the Spanish rule. Furthermore, by memorializing his birth, we give recognition to the life he has lived and his dedication to obtain "*kahilwayan*" or freedom for the Ilonggos.

When enacted, this yearly celebration of his life and legacy, is meant to inspire the current and future generations to ignite patriotism and pattern their lives in pursuit of service and love for country.

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


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**AN ACT DECLARING NOVEMBER 11 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-
WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. BARBARA, PROVINCE OF
ILOILO TO COMMEMORATE THE BIRTH DATE OF ILONGGO HERO AND
REVOLUTIONARY GENERAL MARTIN T. DELGADO, TO BE KNOWN AS
"GENERAL MARTIN T. DELGADO DAY"**

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

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as "General Martin T. Delgado Day".

SECTION 2. The birthday of General Martin T. Delgado, Ilonggo hero and revolutionary hailing from the town of Sta. Barbara in the Province of Iloilo, who led the first Cry of Revolution outside of Luzon against Spain, is hereby declared as a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Sta. Barbara, Province of Iloilo.

SECTION 3. The Municipal government of Sta. Barbara, Province of Iloilo, shall organize commemorative activities and implement cultural events for its annual celebration. These activities may include, but are not limited to, exhibitions, workshops, lectures, and cultural showcases of the life and legacy of Gen. Martin T. Delgado as well as the history and heritage of Sta. Barbara, Iloilo.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,