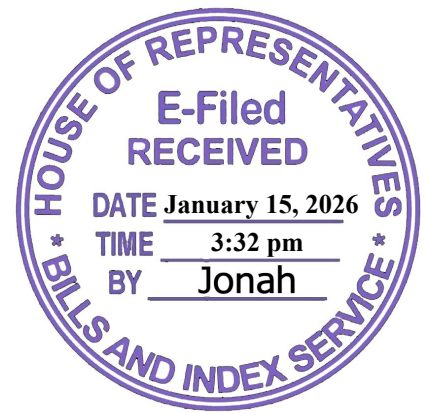


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HOUSE BILL NO. 7126

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADRIAN MICHAEL A. AMATONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the 24th of January of every year as a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Labason in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte, to be known as the “Araw ng Labason.”

By virtue of Executive Order (EO) No. 79, issued by President Manuel Roxas on August 12, 1947, the Labason was officially organized and separated from the Municipality of Sindangan. The said EO designated Labason as the seat of government and initially comprised the barrios of Labason and La Libertad, making it the tenth municipality of the former Zamboanga Province.

The Municipality of Labason was formally inaugurated on January 24, 1948, which served as the practical and symbolic commencement of its independent municipal governance. The EO also served as the legal basis for the creation of new barrios, namely Dansalan, Kipit (formerly a sitio of barrio Labason under Sindangan), and Patawag, which were among the barangays formed from the original mother barrio of Labason.

In recognition of Labason’s historical significance, its journey toward self-governance, and the contributions of its people to local and national development, it is fitting to commemorate January 24 of every year as “Araw ng Labason.” Declaring this date as a special local celebration will strengthen the people’s sense of identity, preserve historical consciousness, and promote unity and pride among present and future generations.

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


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TO BE KNOWN AS “ARAW NG LABASON”,
IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY**

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

SECTION 1. January 24 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Labason, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, to be known as “Araw ng Labason,” in commemoration of its founding anniversary.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) holidays after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,