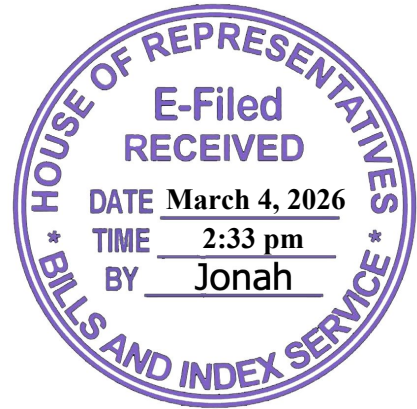




Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. **8281**



Introduced by Representative **LOLITA T. JAVIER**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to recognize the historical significance of the founding of the Municipality of Capoocan by declaring November 23 of every year a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Capoocan, Province of Leyte.

Capoocan, Leyte derives its name from the local dialect term mapu-uk, meaning “obstructed,” which reflects its geographic setting, being hemmed in by Mount Minoro and historically shielded from severe typhoons. The municipality traces its official creation to November 23, 1917, when Executive Order No. 87 was issued by Governor-General Francis Burton Harrison, separating Capoocan from the Municipality of Carigara. The order took effect on January 1, 1918, granting Capoocan full municipal status.

Today, with a population of 33,721 as recorded in the 2020 Census of Population, the municipality continues to thrive, shaped by its maritime and agricultural heritage, drawing sustenance from Carigara Bay and its fertile inland lands.

Declaring November 23 of every year as a special non-working holiday in Capoocan will appropriately commemorate its foundation, honor its rich history and cultural identity, and foster greater pride and unity among its residents.

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


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COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY**

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

SECTION 1. November 23 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Capoocan, Province of Leyte, in commemoration of its Foundation Day, marking the issuance on November 23, 1917 of Executive Order No. 87 by Governor-General Francis Burton Harrison, which ordered its separation from the Municipality of Carigara, effective January 1, 1918;

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

Approved,