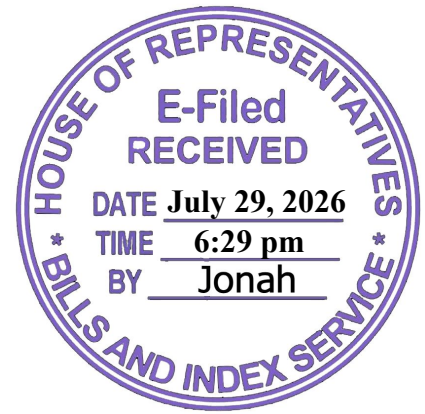


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HOUSE BILL NO. 10426



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Irosin is widely recognized as the agricultural heart of the Province of Sorsogon, with rice farming serving as one of the primary sources of livelihood for its people. The abundance of its fertile lands and the dedication of its farmers have significantly contributed to the municipality's economy, local food security, and agricultural heritage. In recognition of these contributions, the Municipality annually celebrates the Paray Festival every 29th of September as its official cultural and agricultural festival.

The Paray Festival has become a meaningful expression of the identity, unity, and resilience of the people of Irosin. Through agricultural exhibitions, cultural presentations, trade fairs, and various community activities, the festival pays tribute to the hardworking farmers of the municipality while showcasing Irosin's rich traditions and promoting tourism, local enterprise, and community pride. The annual celebration has become an important occasion for preserving the municipality's cultural heritage and strengthening solidarity among its residents.

Therefore, this measure seeks to declare September 29 of every year as a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Irosin, Province of Sorsogon, in celebration of the Paray Festival. Declaring the day as a special nonworking holiday will enable residents, particularly farmers, workers, students, and families, to fully participate in the festivities, honor the municipality's agricultural heritage, and reinforce the shared values and traditions that define the community. The measure likewise recognizes the invaluable contribution of Irosin's farmers to the municipality's growth and development.

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


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SORSOGON, IN CELEBRATION OF THE PARAY FESTIVAL**

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

SECTION 1. September 29 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Municipality of Irosin, Province of Sorsogon, in celebration of the Paray Festival.

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

Approved,