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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Manila

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House Bill No. **10835**

Introduced by **HON. BAMBI B. EMANO**

AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 1ST SUNDAY OF FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MANTICAO, MISAMIS ORIENTAL, IN CELEBRATION OF THE BIBINGKA FESTIVAL

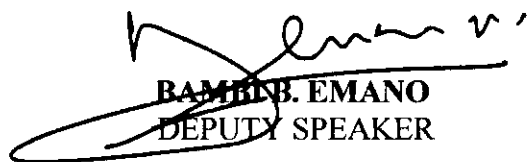
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Manticao, Province of Misamis Oriental, is widely recognized for its **Bibingka Festival**, celebrated every first Monday of February. The festival showcases the town's rich culinary heritage and promotes bibingka as a symbol of local identity and pride. Through this annual celebration, Manticao preserves and strengthens its cultural traditions while fostering community participation and appreciation of its unique local heritage.

Beyond its cultural significance, the Bibingka Festival serves as an important driver of local tourism and economic activity. The event attracts visitors eager to experience Manticao's renowned delicacy, creating opportunities for local entrepreneurs, food vendors, farmers, artisans, and other small businesses to generate income and promote their products. The festival likewise enhances the municipality's visibility as a tourism destination in Misamis Oriental.

Recognizing the cultural, social, and economic importance of the Bibingka Festival, this bill seeks to declare it as the official festival of the Municipality of Manticao and to designate the first Monday of February of every year as a special non-working holiday in the municipality. This measure aims to institutionalize the celebration, ensure its continued promotion and preservation, and encourage broader participation in an event that reflects the identity, heritage, and aspirations of the people of Manticao.

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


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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 the “**Bibingka Festival Act.**”

SECTION 2. The **Bibingka Festival** is hereby declared as the official festival of the **Municipality of Manticao, Province of Misamis Oriental**. The festival showcases the town's rich culinary heritage and promotes bibingka as a symbol of local identity and pride.

SECTION 3. The **first Monday of February of every year** is hereby declared a **special non-working holiday** in the Municipality of Manticao in celebration of the Bibingka Festival.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,