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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 279

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government on May 12, 2026

Re: House Bill No. 1278

Recommending its approval without amendment

Sponsors: Representatives Florencio T. Miraflores and Bernadette G. Escudero

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Local Government to which was referred **House Bill No. 1278**, introduced by Representative Bernadette G. Escudero, entitled:

**“AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 06 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL
NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE
OF SORSOGON, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING
ANNIVERSARY”**

has considered the same and recommends its approval without amendment, with Representatives Bernadette G. Escudero and Florencio T. Miraflores as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:


FLORENCIO T. MIRAFLORES
Chairperson
Committee on Local Government

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, IN
COMMEMORATION OF ITS FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

An ISO-certified local government unit, the municipality of Pilar in the province of Sorsogon stands as one of the early settlements established by the Spaniards in Luzon. It was named Pilar in homage to the newborn infant princess, Pilar, the daughter of Spanish King Philip II and Queen Isabel I.

Officially declared a separate town on August 6, 1861, it encompassed a cluster of visitas, namely Sto. Niño, Panlatuan, Yang, Putiao, Sapa, and Cadanlogan. Throughout the years, Pilar has successfully navigated challenges posed by insurgencies, calamities, and a significant fire incident in 1997. The commemoration of a municipality's founding anniversary serves as a poignant reminder of its enduring culture and traditions. By enacting this measure, it will allow the people of Pilar to consistently commemorate their origins with appropriate ceremonies, fostering community spirit, and reinforcing their shared history without uncertainty about the holiday's declaration each year.

The annual festivities associated with this occasion also play a crucial role in strengthening the bonds among the local populace, contributing to the broader tapestry of Filipino culture.

In light of the above, earnest approval of this bill is sought.


HON. BERNADETTE "DETTE" G. ESCUDERO
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** August 06 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking
2 holiday in the Municipality of Pilar, Province of Sorsogon, in commemoration of its
3 Founding Anniversary
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6 **Sec. 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
7 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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9 *Adopted,*