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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 291

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government on May 13, 2026

Re: House Bill No. 671

Recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Florencio T. Miraflores, Emigdio P. Tanjuatco III, and Ferdinand L. Hernandez

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Local Government to which was referred **House Bill No. 671**, introduced by Representative Emigdio P. Tanjuatco III, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR AS SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAY, PROVINCE OF RIZAL”

has considered the same and recommends its approval with the following amendments:

1. On lines 1 to 4, delete the the nation’s historical and cultural heritage. It is aimed at actively supporting efforts that safeguard and celebrate cultural traditions and practices that define the identity of Filipino communities. In line with this,”;
2. On line 4, delete the conjunction “as” and replace it with article “a”;
3. On line 5, insert a comma after the word “Rizal”;
4. On line 6, after “St. Ildephonsus of Toledo”, insert a comma and the phrase “to honor its cultural and religious traditions”;
5. On line 9, insert a new Section 2 to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF DAVAO DE ORO SHALL ENSURE THE MEANINGFUL OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY THROUGH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES, IN COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS, TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF ITS HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE.”

6. On line 15, renumber Section 2 as Section 3; and
7. Lastly, amend the title of the bill to read as follows:

**“AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-
WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAY, PROVINCE OF
RIZAL”**

with Representatives Emigdio P. Tanjuatco III, Ferdinand L. Hernandez, and Florencio T. Miraflores as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


FLORENCIO T. MIRAFLORES
Chairperson
Committee on Local Government

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
House of Representatives
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House Bill No. **671**



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE EMIGDIO P. TANJUATCO III**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

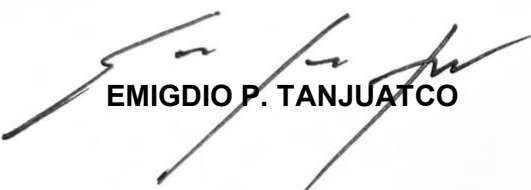
The Municipality of Tanay, nestled in the Province of Rizal, is home to a deeply rooted cultural and religious tradition that has been observed for centuries: the Feast Day of San Ildefonso de Toledo, its patron saint. Celebrated every January 23, this annual festivity is more than a religious occasion—it is a vital cultural heritage that binds the community, preserves its historical identity, and reflects the enduring faith and values of the Tanayēños.

San Ildefonso, a revered figure in Catholic tradition, has long been regarded as the spiritual protector of the town. His feast day is commemorated with a series of vibrant activities including solemn masses, processions, street dances, parades, local fairs, and community programs. These events bring together residents, local organizations, civic leaders, and even visitors from surrounding towns in a spirit of unity, gratitude, and celebration.

The observance of this feast has grown beyond religious ritual; it has evolved into a cornerstone of Tanay's cultural calendar. It showcases the town's devotion, creativity, hospitality, and deep respect for tradition. The celebration also serves as a venue to promote local products, crafts, culinary heritage, and artistic talents—contributing to community pride and local economic activity.

This bill that seeks to declare January 23 as a special non-working holiday within the municipality of Tanay recognizes the cultural, spiritual, and historical importance of this day. It gives residents the freedom to fully participate in the celebration without the constraints of work or school obligations. This, in turn, allows for wider civic engagement, fosters intergenerational transmission of traditions, and supports the preservation of the town's intangible cultural heritage.

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


EMIGDIO P. TANJUATCO

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House Bill No. **671**

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE EMIGDIO P. TANJUATCO III**

AN ACT
DECLARING JANUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR AS SPECIAL NON-WORKING
HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANAY, PROVINCE OF RIZAL

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

Section 1. The Constitution mandates the State to conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage. It is aimed at actively supporting efforts that safeguard and celebrate cultural traditions and practices that define the identity of Filipino communities. In line with this, January 23 of every year is hereby declared as special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Tanay, Province of Rizal in celebration of its annual town fiesta and the feast of its patron saint, St. Ildephonsus of Toledo.

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,



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 671

Introduced by **Representatives Emigdio P. Tanjuatco III, Ferdinand L. Hernandez, and
Florencio T. Miraflores**

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DECLARING JANUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR AS SPECIAL NON-WORKING
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3 that safeguard and celebrate cultural traditions and practices that define the identity of Filipino
4 communities. In line with this,] January 23 of every year is hereby declared [as] A special non-
5 working holiday in the Municipality of Tanay, Province of Rizal, in celebration of its annual
6 fiesta and the feast of its patron saint, St. Ildephonsus of Toledo, **TO HONOR ITS**
7 **CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS.**

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9 **SEC. 2. THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF TANAY SHALL ENSURE THE**
10 **MEANINGFUL OBSERVANCE OF THE HOLIDAY THROUGH APPROPRIATE**
11 **PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES, IN COORDINATION WITH RELEVANT**
12 **GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS, TO PROMOTE AWARENESS**
13 **OF ITS HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, AND SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE.**

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15 **SEC. [2] 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
16 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,