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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 305

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government on May 18, 2026

Re: House Bill No. 5008

Recommending its approval with amendments

Sponsors: Representatives Florencio T. Miraflores and Stephen James T. Tan

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Local Government to which was referred **House Bill No. 5008**, introduced by Representative Stephen James T. Tan, entitled:

“AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST FIVE OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN CALBAYOG CITY TO COMMEMORATE THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LATE SENATE PRESIDENT JOSE DIRA AVELINO TO BE KNOWN AS ‘JOSE DIRA AVELINO DAY’”

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

1. On page 1, line 1, delete the sentence “This Act shall be known as the ‘Jose Dirá Avelino Day’” and replace it with “August 5 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the City of Calbayog, Province of Samar, to be known as “Jose Dirá Avelino Day,” in commemoration of the birth anniversary of the late Senate President Jose Dirá Avelino and in recognition of his exemplary public service, statesmanship, and invaluable contributions to the nation and the people of Samar.
2. On the same page, line 10, insert a new Section 2 to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF CALBAYOG 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.”

3. On page 2, line 1, renumber Section 2 as Section 3;
4. On the same page, lines 1 and 2, delete “at least two (2) national newspapers” and replace it with “the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper”; and
5. Lastly, amend the title of the bill to read as follows:

“AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 5 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF CALBAYOG, PROVINCE OF SAMAR, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LATE SENATE PRESIDENT JOSE DIRA AVELINO, TO BE KNOWN AS ‘JOSE DIRA AVELINO DAY’”

with Representatives Stephen James T. Tan, Reynolds Michael T. Tan, and Florencio T. Miraflores as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairperson
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare August Five (August 5) of every year a special non-working holiday in the City of Calbayog to commemorate the birth anniversary of the late Senate President Jose Dira Avelino and enable its residents and local officials to fully participate in the festivities prepared by the local government.

Jose Dira Avelino was a brilliant lawyer, statesman, and public servant, widely recognized as the Father of the Philippine Workmen's Compensation Law, and a leading advocate for the rights and welfare of Filipino workers.

He served as the First Senate President of the Third Philippine Republic and was instrumental in the passage of landmark legislation such as the Social Security System, and in advancing the establishment of public high schools throughout the country.

He played a pivotal role in the creation of Calbayog as the first city in Samar, thereby contributing significantly to the political and socio-economic development of the region.

Despite his notable contributions to Philippine history and his deep roots in Calbayog, no official local holiday has yet been established in his honor within his birthplace.

Foregoing considered; the passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.

HON. STEPHEN JAMES T. TAN
Representative, First District of Samar



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

SECTION 1. *Title.* This Act shall be known as the "Jose Dira Avelino Day."

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,