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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The story of Apolinario de la Cruz a.k.a Hermano Puli may not be as popular as other Filipino heroes and heroines. Apolinario dela Cruz a native of Lucban led the first major revolt in the Philippines in battle for religious freedom. A confraternity which resisted the Spanish rule from 1832 until the time of his death in 1841.

Puli accused of being a heretic and filibuster, was shot by firing squad on November 4, 1841 outside the vicinity of Casa de Comunidad in Tayabas. His body was torn into pieces, his head was placed in a cage, stuck into a pole, and placed in front of his mother's house.

This bill seeks to declare the 4th day of November of every year as a non working holiday in the Province of Quezon honoring Hermano Puli (or Apolinario dela Cruz), the legendary young hero (he died at age 26) whose life and heroism - especially connected with founding the Confradia de San Jose - helped to inspire the setting up of the revolutionary Katipunan.

Hence, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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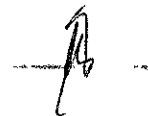
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**AN ACT DECLARING EVERY FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER AS A
SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF
QUEZON**

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

SECTION 1. November 4 of every year is hereby declared as a special nonworking holiday in the Province of Quezon to commemorate the death anniversary, heroism and patriotism of Apolinario Dela Cruz, popularly known as "Hermano Puli".

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,