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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Guimaras is relatively young and the smallest of the six provinces of the Western Visayas Region (Region 6), and also known as the "Mango Country". The province's mango orchards produce the best mango variety certified as pest-free by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Guimaras is considered one of the exotic islands in the Philippines. The original name was Himal-us but was changed to Guimaras after the folktale of the ill-fated lovers named Princess Guima and the slave Aras, who defied tradition for their romance. Guimaras first gained status as a Sub-province of Iloilo by virtue of RA 4667, which was enacted by Congress on June 18, 1966. With the passage of the Local Government Code, Guimaras was then proclaimed as a regular and full-fledged province on May 22, 1992 and has also been proclaimed as the "island to watch" due to unspoiled natural beauty as for its potential.

This bill seeks to declare May 22 of every year as a non working holiday in the province of Guimaras to honor its anniversary as a province.

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


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

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**AN ACT DECLARING MAY 22nd OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL
NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS
TO COMMEMORATE ITS ANNIVERSARY AS A PROVINCE**

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

SECTION 1. May 22nd of every year is hereby declared as a special nonworking holiday in the Province of Guimaras to commemorate its anniversary as a province.

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

Approved,