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EXPLANATORY NOTE

When the Franciscan friars first settled upon the province of Bicol, they immediately proclaimed Iriga to be a special land perfect for evangelization. And through years of hard work, Iriga developed immensely in size and wealth. Alongside this, the faith and devotion of its people grew.

This strong faith of the Irigeños were put to the test numerous times as churches they built were either razed by warrior or destroyed by fire or natural calamities. But the strong willed people of Iriga kept on building and rebuilding, and it is said that on the great eruption of Sumagang in the 1600s, the Nuestra Senora de Angustia appeared and save the Irigeños. Since then, Iriga city has continued its steady climb of development.

This Bill seeks to declare September 3 of every year as a special nonworking holiday in the City of Iriga. We owe it to the people of Iriga to grant them this special non working holiday in celebration of their cityhood as well as to keep the vigor of their rich cultural heritage alive. This holiday will ensure that the legacy of this spirit shall live on and be commemorated for generations to come.

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"AN ACT

DECLARING SEPTEMBER 3 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF IRIGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO COMMEMORATE THE IRIGA CITY FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY"

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

- **SECTION 1**. September 3 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the City of Iriga, Province of Camarines Sur to commemorate the Iriga City Foundation Anniversary.
- **SEC. 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the completion of its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,