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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare March 2 an annual special holiday in the islands of Panay and Romblon to be known as "Tomas Confesor Day," in honor of Senator Tomas Valenzuela Confesor.

The late Senator Confesor was born on March 2, 1891 in Barrio Maraguit, Cabatuan, Iloilo. During the Japanese occupation, he went underground and headed the Civil Resistance Movement of Panay and Romblon. For this reason, residents of the two islands consider him a hero.

He served as Congressman, Governor, Director of Commerce, Constitutional Convention Delegate, Secretary of the Department of the Interior and as a Senator. In Congress, he earned the title "Storm Petrel of the Philippine Congress" for sponsoring the Cooperative Marketing Law, and authoring the Charter of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, paving the way for its independence from the Boy Scouts of America.

The people of Cabatuan, Iloilo already commemorate the birth anniversary in honor of the late Senator Tomas Confesor. The residents of Panay and Romblon wish to be given the same opportunity of honoring this statesman, economist, and *hero. Hence, the Sangguaniang Bayan of Cabatuan, Iloilo passed a resolution* requesting for a legislative measure that would declare March 2 of every year as Tomas Confesor Day, a special holiday for the people of Panay and Romblon islands.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT

DECLARING MARCH TWO AS TO AS CONFESOR DAY, AN ANNUAL SPECIAL HOLIDAY IN THE ISLANDS OF PANAY AND ROMBLON

- 1 SECTION 1. March Two is hereby declared as Tomas Confesor Day, an
- annual special holiday in the Island of Panay and Romblon to commemorate the
- 3 birth anniversary of the late Governor, Congressman, Senator and hero
- 4 SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
- 5 two (2) national newspapers of general circulation
- 6 Approved,

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