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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill originates from House Bill No. 4095, which was approved on Third Reading in the Fifteenth Congress.

Essentially, the proposal at hand is in accord with every citizen's constitutional right of free speech and expression by declaring as a policy of the State the observance of press freedom day in all educational institutions.

Consequently, this bill is submitted for its consideration and approval.

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AN ACT
DECLARING JULY 25 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE NATIONAL CAMPUS PRESS
FREEDOM DAY

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

1 Section 1. This Act shall be known as the National Campus Press Freedom Day
2 Act.

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4 Sec. 2. It is hereby declared as a policy of the State to promote, protect and
5 safeguard the freedom of speech, expression or of the press as a constitutionally
6 guaranteed right under the Constitution. In view thereof, it behooves the State to declare
7 as a matter of policy the observance of such fundamental right, especially in all
8 educational institutions, both public and private, within its jurisdiction.

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10 Sec. 3. The 25th of July of every year is hereby declared as National Campus Press
11 Freedom Day.

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13 Sec. 4. All educational institutions are hereby mandated to provide their full
14 support and assistance to events and activities to be conducted by students in
15 recognition of the National Campus Press Freedom Day.

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17 Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
18 Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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20 *Approved,*