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IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGLESIA NI  
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 5, Article 3 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, also known as the Bill of Rights, recognizes the "free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship."

The Iglesia ni Cristo was founded in the Philippines by Felix Ysagun Manalo and was registered by the Philippine government on July 27, 1914. From its first local congregation in Punta, Santa Ana, the Church has expanded to more than 5000 congregations in 100 countries and territories.

This bill seeks to recognize the immeasurable contribution of the Iglesia ni Cristo to Philippine society by declaring July 27 of every year as a special non-working holiday throughout the Philippines.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** Recognizing the immeasurable contribution of the Iglesia ni Cristo in our country, July 27 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in honor of the congregation's founding anniversary.

**SECTION 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) calendar days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,