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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On January 23, 1899, the First Philippine Republic was inaugurated at Barasoain Church, Malolos, Bulacan. The declaration formally and officially marked the claim of the Filipinos to independence and sovereignty. The First Philippine Republic was the first independent republic in the whole of Asia.

The declaration has been duly regarded as being equal to or more significant to the declaration of independence at Kawit, Cavite, the Fall of Bataan, and all other historic events leading towards the independence of Filipinos from foreign subjugation.

The declaration of the First Philippine Republic is a great historical event worthy of being commemorated not only in the town of Malolos and the province of Bulacan but in the entire country as well. The declaration of the First Philippine Republic can be fully remembered, observed and celebrated by declaring it a regular national holiday and thus giving time to citizens, students, workers, public servants, and all other freedom-loving Filipinos to reflect thereon.

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


MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR

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AN ACT DECLARING JANUARY 23 Or EACH YEAR AS A REGULAR
NATIONAL HOLIDAY IN COMMEMORATION OF DECLARATION OF THE
FIRST PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC ON JANUARY 23, 1899 AT THE BARASOAIN
CHURCH, MALOLOS, BULACAN

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

SECTION 1. In recognition of the great historical significance of the declaration of the First Philippine Republic on January 23, 1899 at the Barasoain Church, Malolos, Bulacan to our nation and in the strengthening of the collective sense of nationhood within our people, the 23rd day of January of every year is hereby declared as a regular national holiday throughout the Philippines.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) calendar days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,