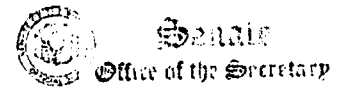


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Introduced by **SENATOR CYNTHIA A. VILLAR**

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**AN ACT**  
**DECLARING JANUARY 16 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY**  
**TO BE KNOWN AS "NATIONAL BAPTIST DAY"**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

In Article II, Section 13 of the Constitution, it is enshrined that the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It is expressed in the same instrument that all educational institutions shall teach the rights and duties of citizenship, strengthen ethical and spiritual values, develop moral character and personal discipline [Art. XIV, Secs. 3(1) & 3(2)].

The Baptist faith in our country continues to aid in realizing and achieving these constitutional declarations through their unwavering commitment to proclaim the teachings and principles in the Bible. For the past 119 years that they have been in our country, they have adhered to and practiced the Scripture which is vital in honing the citizens of our nation to be morally upright. Their spiritual contributions to the society have been instrumental to the achievement of our aspirations as a nation.

In recognition of these, it is fitting that one day in the calendar, specifically the 16<sup>th</sup> day of the month of January, be declared as a special working holiday to be known as the "National Baptist day".

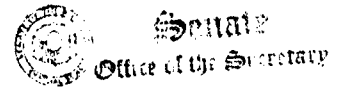
I am pleased to file this bill, which is the Senate counterpart measure of House Bill No. 6522 authored by Hon. Bienvenido M. Abante, Jr., the Representative of the 6<sup>th</sup> District of Manila.

I recommend the approval of this measure.



**CYNTHIA A. VILLAR**

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

1           Section 1. January 16 of every year is hereby declared a special working  
2 holiday to be known as "National Baptist Day".

3           Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
4 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,