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Introduced by Senator MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID

AN ACT
TO DESIGNATE THE SECOND DAY OF JULY OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL
NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF PASIG TO BE KNOWN AS THE
"ARAW NG PASIG"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to the late Dr. Jose Villa Panganiban, a linguist, polyglot, professor, and former director of the Institute of National Language, "Pasig" is an ancient Sanskrit term for a "river flowing from one body of water to another," in the case of the Pasig River, from Laguna de Bay to Manila Bay.

The Pasig City reflects the rich and honorable history of our nation and was instrumental in many of the historical occurrences that formed our people and our country.

As it was founded by the Augustinians in 1572, the city is one of the oldest municipalities in the Philippines. By means of Rizal Act No. 137, it was integrated into the province of in June 1901 and even served as the seat of government there until 1975. After that, it was included in Metro Manila by Presidential Decree No. 824 in 1975, and it was given city status formally in 1994.

The transformation of Pasig from a rural residential region to a highly urbanized metropolis with the second-largest commercial center in Metro Manila has already started. Pasig City has transformed from one of the oldest municipalities and a rural

residential region to a highly urbanized business hub that is home to several multinational corporations, expansive commercial centers, and other significant institutions making Pasig to be one of the Philippines' most vibrant cities today.

This bill seeks to recognize the significance of Pasig City in our nation's history and its contribution to nation building and national development. It is a response to the call of the people of Pasig to institutionalize and further strengthen the provisions of Proclamation No. 656 s. 2004, which declared the July 2, 2004 a special non-working day in the City of Pasig to commemorate its Anniversary. Subsequently, similar Proclamations are issued by the incumbent President of the Philippines.

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


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