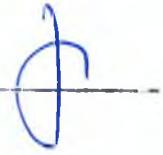


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AN ACT
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SPECIAL NON-WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON TO BE
KNOWN AS HERMANO PULI DAY, MANDATING CONCERNED AGENCIES TO
CONDUCT EVENTS DURING ITS OBSERVANCE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Apolinario "Hermano Puli" dela Cruz a local of Lucban, Tayabas, along with indio secular priest Br. Ciriaco de los Santos and nineteen other individuals from Tayabas, founded the *Hermanidad de la Archi-Cofradia del Glorioso Señor San Jose y de la Virgen del Rosario* (Brotherhood of the Great Sodality of the Glorious Lord Saint Joseph and of the Virgin of the Rosary), shortened to Cofradia de San Jose (Confraternity of St. Joseph).¹ The brotherhood or religious group spread like wildfire over the Province of Tayabas now Quezon, Laguna, and some towns in Batangas with the goal of promoting meaningful change and social justice; the right of the Filipinos for religious freedom; to have secular Filipino Priests, and; a fine brotherhood (Cofradia) to uplift the lives of the poor.

Hermano Puli understood that religion was vital in the efforts to overcome the Spanish colonizers. Through the confradia, he showed how the Christian religion that Spain had used to domesticate the will of the Filipinos itself became the wellspring of

¹ Civil Society in the Philippines: Theoretical, Methodological and Policy Debates | Gerard Clarke, 2013

their rebellion.² It paved the way for Father Jose Burgos' struggle to secularize the Philippine parishes and Father Gregorio Aglipay's efforts to establish the Iglesia Filipina Independiente.

Naaangkop na kilalanin natin si Apolinario "Hermano Puli" dela Cruz na kilala rin bilang "Hari ng Katagalugan". Ang kanyang ambag sa pakikibaka para sa kalayaan sa pananampalataya at sa pambansang kasarinlan at pagkakaisa ay tunay na di matatawaran. Ating ipapakita ang pagpapahalaga sa kanya, sa pamamagitan ng pagtatalaga ng isang araw upang kilalanin at itaguyod ang diwa ng kanyang maiksi ngunit makabuluhang buhay.

A same measure was filed in the House of Representatives during the 17th and 18th Congress that reached the third and final reading, but no counterpart bill was filed in the Senate.

This bill seeks to recognize the invaluable contribution and sacrifices of Apolinario "Hermano Puli" dela Cruz to the struggle for religious freedom and independence from foreign domination. It is a response to the call of the people of Quezon to institutionalize and further strengthen the provisions of Presidential Proclamations (PP No. 73 s.2022, PP No.1233 s.2021, and PP No. 1040 s. 2020, PP No. 70 s. 2016 and PP No. 1143 s. 2015) which declared the 4th day of November as a special Non-working Holiday and use it as a venue to honor, commemorate and celebrate the life of Hermano Puli through appropriate ceremonies.

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


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator

² <https://opinion.inquirer.net/97640/hermano-puli-religion-rebellion-and-nation> | Hermano Puli: religion, rebellion, and nation | Randy David, 2016

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* — This Act shall be known as the "Hermano Puli Day Act".

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — It is hereby declared to be the policy of
the State to undertake initiatives that will give due honor and recognition to the crucial
role of its national heroes in achieving the independence of our nation. To promote
the values of nationalism, collective action, civic consciousness and patriotism among
its people that will shape the character needed for national development and
independence.

SECTION 3. *Hermano Puli Day.* — In recognition of the life and heroism of
Apolinario "Hermano Puli" dela Cruz, the fourth (4th) day of November of every year
is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Province of Quezon to be
known as Hermano Puli Day.

SECTION 4. *Inter-agency and Multi-sectoral Effort.* — The Local Government
of Quezon Province together with the National Historical Commission of the

1 Philippines, Department of Education, and the Commission on Higher Education shall
2 serve as the lead agencies in the preparation and implementation of the annual
3 program of activities for the observance of the Hermano Puli Day.

4 To ensure the meaningful observance and celebration of this day, the local
5 counterparts of the national government agencies, municipal and city local
6 government units, and employers in the private sector, are encouraged to allow their
7 respective personnel and constituents to participate in any related activity to be held
8 within the premises of their respective offices or establishments.

9 **SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.*** — In the event that any part, section or
10 provision of this Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a competent court,
11 the remaining provisions thereby shall remain valid and in full force and effect as if
12 the sections or provisions so annulled or voided had never been incorporated herein.

13 **SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.*** — All laws, decrees, executive orders,
14 issuances, rules and regulations, or parts thereof not consistent with the provisions of
15 this Act are hereby repealed or modified and/or superseded as case may be by this
16 Act accordingly.

17 **SECTION 7. *Effectivity.*** — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
18 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
19 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

Approved,