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**AN ACT
DECLARING THE 11th OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS
A SPECIAL DAY FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE
“PHILIPPINES – MONGOLIA FRIENDSHIP DAY”**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines and Mongolia established their bilateral relationship on October 11, 1973. Last year, the two countries celebrated their 50th bilateral relations anniversary.

Mongolia expressed confidence that the friendly relations between the two countries will be further strengthened and the cooperation in trade, economy, investments, and people-to-people exchanges will reach new heights.

In June 2022, both nations signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Defense Cooperation aimed at developing the Philippines-Mongolia defense and military relations in various areas such as defense and security policy, defense and military education and training, capacity building, peacekeeping operations, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR), defense industry and logistics, research and technology, and other areas as mutually decided by both sides.¹

¹ <https://www.dnd.gov.ph/Release/2022-06-13/1693/Bilateral-Meeting-and-MOU-Signing-between-the-SND-and-Mongolian-Minister-of-Defense-Saikhanbayar-Gursed/>

Earlier this month, members of the Mongolian parliament visited our Congress to learn about our taxation reform and budget planning reform.

This bill seeks to dedicate October 11th as a special day to honor the strong partnership made between the Republic of the Philippines and Mongolia.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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

1 **SECTION 1. Declaration of Policy.** - It is the policy of the State
2 to pursue an independent foreign policy in its relations with other
3 States. It is also the policy of the State to put value to its existing
4 bilateral relations with other States and to commemorate and celebrate
5 these bilateral relations annually, and on their special occasions like the
6 50th, 75th, and 100th year anniversaries of the said bilateral relations.

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8 **SEC. 2. Diplomatic Relations.** - The Philippines and Mongolia
9 established their diplomatic relations on October 11, 1973. Therefore,
10 the 11th of October of every year is hereby declared as a Special Day
11 for the commemoration of the “Philippines – Mongolia Friendship
12 Day”.

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14 **SEC. 3. Implementing Agency.** - The Department of Foreign
15 Affairs (DFA) shall lead the Government in the commemoration and
16 celebration of the “Philippines – Mongolia Friendship Day” annually,

1 and on other special occasions like, but not limited to, the 75th and 100th
2 year anniversaries.

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4 **SEC 4. *Special Day Status.*** - The Special Day status of the date
5 herein referred to in Section 2 shall not affect its classification as either
6 a working or a non-working day as determined by some other more
7 specific law.

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9 **SEC. 5. *Appropriations.*** - The amount necessary for the initial
10 implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current
11 appropriations of the DFA. Thereafter, such amount necessary for the
12 continued implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual
13 General Appropriations Act.

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15 **SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, orders,
16 proclamations, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, which are
17 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified
18 accordingly.

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20 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
21 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2)
22 newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,