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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On July 27, 1914 and in the neighborhood of Punta, Santa Ana, Manila, Ka Felix Manalo founded the Iglesia Ni Cristo (INC), a nontrinitian, independent and religious organization in the Philippines.

What started with twelve followers is now a Church which has grown to more than two million followers in the Philippines and with more than 3,000 congregations called locales, of which more than 300 locales are scattered in around seventy countries worldwide.

The Iglesia Ni Cristo, being founded in the Philippines by a Filipino, is recognized as a credible and respected religious organization, not only in the country but in the whole world. Thus, it has brought honor and recognition to the country as a bastion of evangelization in this part of the world.

However, this accomplishment and contribution of Iglesia Ni Cristo in our religious tapestry does not end there. Since its founding, the INC not only attends to the religious and moral well-being of its members, it also shows its genuine concern for the welfare and good of our people. Today, the Iglesia Ni Cristo has become a pillar in the spiritual growth of the Filipinos and the citizens of the world. It has fostered brotherly love among us and opened our hearts to the teachings of Christ.

Truly, the Iglesia Ni Cristo has spread the Good News of our Lord in the Philippines and the rest of the world, and continues to do so with zeal and faithfulness as exemplified by its founder, Ka Felix Manalo.

Thus, it is but fitting to recognize this triumph of evangelization of Iglesia Ni Cristo by celebrating its founding anniversary or July 27 of every year as a special working holiday throughout the country.

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



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**AN ACT
DECLARING JULY 27 OF EACH YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY
THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINES TO COMMEMORATE THE
FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY OF THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO**

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

Section 1. In order to commemorate the founding anniversary of the *Iglesia Ni Cristo*, July 27 of each year is hereby declared as a special working holiday throughout the entire Philippines to be known as "*Araw ng Iglesia Ni Cristo*".

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

Approved,