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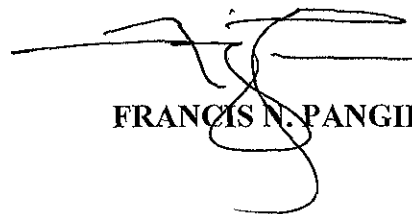
EXPLANATORY NOTE

International Students' Day is an international observance of student activism, held annually on November 17.

On November 17, 1939, students' struggle in the streets of Prague against Nazi occupation motivated the establishment of an anti-Nazi students' coalition. Two years after, November 17 was declared International Students Day by the International Students Council in London which became the basis for the establishment of the International Union of Students (IUS). Since then, the theme of the global day for students was focused to achieve "Peace, Equality and Freedom", not just for students, but for all the nations in the world.

Though issues raised in different countries vary, the students are one in saying that their governments should oppose war and end human rights abuses. The governments of the world should promote accessibility and provide high quality public services. The International Students Day has become a symbol for the struggle of students all over the world. In the Philippines, our students should continue to be inspired in their pursuit for a democratic education and democratic society.

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

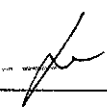


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**AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF
NOVEMBER 17 OF EVERY YEAR AS THE
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DAY IN THE
PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1 SECTION 1. In recognition of the international observance of "International
2 Students' Day" which was first marked in 1941 in London by the International
3 Students' Council to commemorate the execution of nine Czechoslovakian students
4 who fought against the Nazi occupation, the 17th day of November of every year is
5 hereby declared to be International Students' Day in the Philippines.

6 SEC. 2. International Students' Day shall be celebrated in the Philippines every
7 year as a testament to the commitment of students worldwide to fight against
8 discrimination, oppression and intolerance, and most specially, the right to education.

9 SEC. 3. All schools, colleges and universities are hereby encouraged to extend
10 their full support for exercises and activities launched by students during the
11 International Students' Day.

12 SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
13 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation or the *Official Gazette*,
14 whichever comes first.

Approved,