

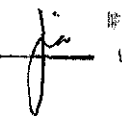
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Introduced by Senator TEOFISTO "TG" GUINGONA III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

We do not need another EDSA...for our country to move ahead. EDSA must be everyday. That means everyone understands he has an obligation to serve. That means reform is an everyday activity. That means the daily grind is more important than the one-time heroic moment.

- Hon. Jesse M. Robredo

Hon. Jesse Manalastas Robredo was elected mayor of Naga City in 1988 at the age of 29, becoming the youngest person in the Philippines to be elected city mayor. In 1995, he was elected President of the League of Cities of the Philippines. His program "Kaantabay sa Kauswagan" (Partners in Development) which gave priority to the impoverished people in Naga, was cited by the United Nations as one of the Top 40 Best Practices in 1996. By 1999, Naga City was named one of the "Most Improved Cities in Asia" by Asiaweek Magazine.

In 2000, Jesse Robredo won the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service. Other major awards that he has received were the 1998 Konrad Adenauer Medal of Excellence as Most Outstanding City Mayor of the Philippines; the 1996 Outstanding Young Persons of the World (TOYP) Award, the Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines (TOYM) and the first ever "Dangal ng Bayan" Award of the Civil Service Commission. Jesse Robredo earned his Masters in Public Administration at the prestigious John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Jesse Robredo was appointed Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government by President Benigno Aquino III in 2010. He continued to replicate Naga City's best practices in every local government unit in the Philippines before he passed away in a plane crash on August 18, 2012, at the age of fifty-four.

This bill seeks to honor an exceptional Filipino who embodied what public service is all about.

Hence, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 18 OF EVERY YEAR AS "JESSE ROBREDO" DAY, A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

- 1 **SECTION 1. Title .** – This Act shall be known as "Jesse Robredo Day."
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3 **SECTION 2. Special Working Holiday.** - August 18 of every year is hereby declared as
4 "Jesse Robredo Day," which shall be a special working holiday, to be celebrated in all
5 elementary and secondary schools in the country. In the event that the holiday falls on a
6 weekend, the holiday shall be observed on the Friday of that week.
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8 **SECTION 3. Implementing Agency.** – The Department of Education, shall plan and
9 implement activities for the "Jesse Robredo Day", and ensure that Jesse Robredo's legacy of
10 good governance and leadership is given emphasis to encourage students to continue the
11 same for the good of the Philippines and the Filipino people.
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13 **SECTION 4. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional,
14 the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.
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16 **SECTION 5. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, and issuances or portions
17 thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended
18 or modified accordingly.
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20 **SECTION 6. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication
21 in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,