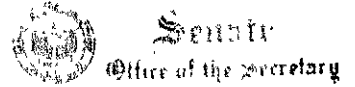



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On January 22, 1987, thirteen (13) farmers died at a violent dispersal of a farmers' march perpetrated by state forces in Mendiola Street, San Miguel, Manila. This incident was later referred to as the Mendiola massacre, also called Black Thursday by some Filipino journalists.

The march was organized by different farmer groups, and their supporters, to demand fulfilment of the promises made by then President Cory Aquino regarding land reform and the distribution of lands at no cost to the beneficiaries.

Nearly 30 years after, people may have forgotten what has happened on that fateful day. This proposed measure seeks not only to remind the nation of that tragic incident which undeniably became a chapter in our country's history, but more especially to honor the heroism of peasants whose lives were deliberately taken for the measly reason of struggling for genuine agrarian reform which no less than the Constitution assures them. Furthermore, this bill seeks to recognize and appreciate the vital role that farmers play in achieving a just, prosperous and democratic society.

In this regard, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 **SECTION 1.** The twenty-second day of January of every year is hereby declared
2 as a special working holiday to be known as "National Farmers' Day".

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4 **SECTION 2.** To ensure meaningful observance of the holiday as herein declared,
5 all heads of government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned
6 and controlled corporations especially those that are dealing directly with the farmers as
7 well as local government units, and employers in the private sector shall encourage and
8 afford sufficient time and opportunities for their employees to engage and participate in
9 any activity conducted within their premises of their respective offices or establishments
10 in support and sympathy to farmers across the country to celebrate "National Farmers'
11 Day."

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13 **SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
14 Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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Approved,