


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

On January 25, 2015 the Philippine National Police-Special Action Force (PNP-SAF) carried out a law enforcement operation to serve the arrest warrant against the most wanted terrorists Zulkifli bin Hir also known as Marwan and Abdul Basit Usman. Unfortunately, said operation led to 44 casualties from our government.

These 44 heroes sacrificed their lives with only one thing in mind to fulfill their mandate to enforce the law, prevent and control crimes, maintain peace and order, and ensure public safety and internal security with the active support of the community. Not only did they accomplish their mission, they made the PNP-SAF proud and served as an inspiration to serve as an inspiration for cadets and for other training schools and will further promote patriotism and nationalism in our country.

The efforts of the SAF 44 will always be remembered and is worthy of commemoration.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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

SECTION 1. The Twenty-fifth (25th) day of January of every year is hereby declared as a special working holiday throughout the country to commemorate the bravery, heroism and sacrifice of the 44 fallen Philippine National Police-Special Action Force.

SECTION 2. To ensure a meaningful observance of the holiday as herein declared, all heads of government agencies and instrumentalities, including government owned and controlled corporations as well as local government units, and employers in the private sector shall encourage and afford sufficient time and participate in any activity conducted in their respective localities to celebrate such a commemoration.

SECTION. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,