

SENATE
S. B. No. 1849

Introduced by Senator Ana Theresia "Risa" Hontiveros-Baraquel

**AN ACT DECLARING AUGUST 6 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING
HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE THE DEATH AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF
DR. FE DEL MUNDO**


EXPLANATORY NOTE

Dr. Fe Villanueva del Mundo was a leading Filipina pediatrician and was conferred the rank and title of National Scientist in 2010. Dr. del Mundo is a pioneer in the field of medicine in the Philippines. She made history by being the first Filipina and the only woman of any race to be enrolled at the time in the Harvard Medical School.

During her years of practice, she tirelessly gave her service to the Filipino people by establishing the Children's Medical Center now known as the Fe Del Mundo Medical Center, which was the first pediatric hospital in the Philippines. She also had groundbreaking contributions to her field by creating the first incubator made of bamboo that functions without electricity and was widely utilized in rural communities.

Dr. Fe del Mundo gave us the best example of genuine service as she continued to practice pediatrics well into her 90s. She was a brilliant doctor, a dedicated practitioner, and most of all, a proud Filipino. This bill aims to commemorate all the contributions she has made in the field of medicine as a doctor, as a Filipino, and as a woman.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


Ana Theresia "Risa" Hontiveros-Baraquel

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

- 1 **Section 1. *Short Title.*** This Act shall be known as the "Dr. Fe del Mundo Day"
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3 **Section 2. *Dr. Fe del Mundo Day.*** In recognition of the invaluable contributions of Dr. Fe del
4 Mundo to the Republic of the Philippines, August 6 of every year shall be declared a Special
5 Working Holiday.
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7 **Section 3. *Effectivity.*** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Offi-
8 cial Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.
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10 APPROVED,