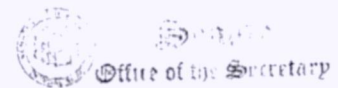


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DECLARING MARCH 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO  
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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Melchora Aquino, or better known as Tandang Sora, was a Filipina Revolutionary. She was also considered "The Mother of the Katipunan" and "The Mother of the Philippine Revolution". During The 1896 Philippine Revolution, Tandang Sora operated a store, which became a refuge for the sick and wounded revolutionaries providing them with medical support, a safe refuge, and motherly care.

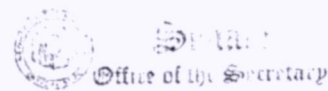
She supported the Katipuneros at the risk of her own life. Withstanding danger, she provided food, medicine, and comfort to the Katipuneros. She opened her home for their secret meetings. For her patriotism, she was later captured and sent to Bilibid prison in Manila, where she was relentlessly interrogated by the Spaniards. Despite this, she refused to give any information about the Katipunan and remained loyal to the cause. This led to her deportation to Guam on September 2, 1896, where she would stay until her repatriation on February 6, 1903.

Tandang Sora is a great example of selflessness, strength and determination for her willingness to sacrifice her own life for our independence. She is a symbol of the importance of the role of women in our nation's revolutionary history. This bill aims to commemorate all the contributions she has made in the 1896 Philippine Revolution.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "Tandang Sora Day"

2 Sec. 2. *Tandang Sora Day.* – In recognition of the invaluable contributions of  
3 Tandang Sora to the Republic of the Philippines, March 2 of every year shall be  
4 declared a Special Working Holiday.

5 Sec. 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
6 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,