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**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.

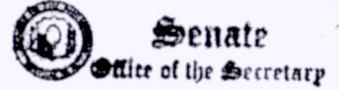
Dr. Fe del Mundo gave us the best example of genuine service as she continued to practice pediatrics well into her 90s. She was a brilliant doctor, a dedicated practitioner, and most of all, a proud Filipino. This bill aims to commemorate all the contributions she has made in the field of medicine as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

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


RISA HONTIVEROS

Senator

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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 "Dr. Fe Del Mundo
2 Day"

3 Sec. 2. *Dr. Fe Del Mundo Day.* – In recognition of the invaluable contributions
4 of Dr. Fe Del Mundo to the Republic of the Philippines, August 6 of every year shall
5 be declared a Special Working Holiday.

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

Approved,