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**AN ACT  
DECLARING SEPTEMBER 20 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY  
TO COMMEMORATE THE DEATH AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF GABRIELA SILANG**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Gabriela Silang is best known as the first female leader of the revolutionary movement against the Spanish colonizers. She is one of the most prominent figures of the revolution and one of the most distinguished women in Philippine history. Her life and legacy continue to serve as a beacon of bravery and nationalism to all Filipinos.

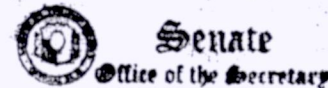
During the Spanish-British War, she served as her husband, Diego Silang's partner and closest advisor in the attempt to overthrow the Spaniards. She was a fearless leader that took over the leadership of the revolutionary movement in Ilocos after the assassination of her husband. She rallied Filipino forces to carry on with the war against Spain and fiercely fought for Filipino independence as she bravely led her troops despite the overwhelming forces they faced.

This bill aims to celebrate the heroism of a great Filipina heroine as an embodiment of fearlessness and undying love for country. In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

*Risa Hontiveros*  
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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 "Gabriela Silang Day".  
2 Sec. 2. *Gabriela Silang Day.* – In recognition of the invaluable contributions of  
3 Gabriela Silang to the Republic of the Philippines, September 20 of every year shall  
4 be 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,