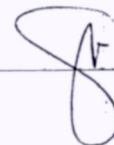


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is a predominantly Catholic nation. More than 86 percent of the country's population is Roman Catholic. Several religious feasts and festivities are regularly held in the country to celebrate their religious and cultural identity. One of these is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Spanish Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, also called the Virgin of Guadalupe, which celebrates the first appearance of Mary, Mother of God and the mother of all humanity, in Mexico in 1531. The same remains to be a powerful symbol of everything from motherhood to feminism to social justice.

This bill seeks to declare December 12 of every year as a special working holiday in the entire country to commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in order to allow the Filipinos to further strengthen their faith and devotion to Mary, Mother of God, by hearing mass and exercise other customary religious activities.

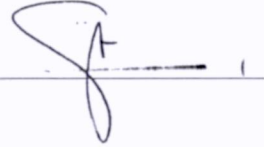

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines
in Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. December 12 of every year is hereby declared a special working
2 holiday in the entire country to commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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4 Sec. 2. *Effectivity Clause.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its
5 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
6 circulation.

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8 *Approved,*