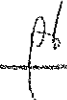


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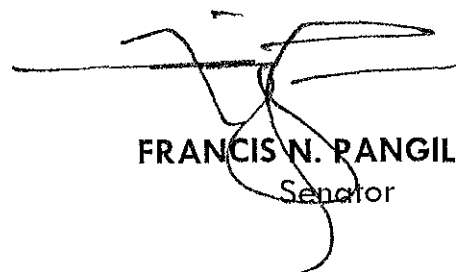
The Philippines and China are neighboring countries that share a friendship dating back to ancient times. This friendly association has brought about a strong and increasing presence of the Filipino-Chinese community in the country.

Their presence in the Philippines has contributed to the increase in economic and trade relations between these two countries. Further, the various businesses of the Filipino-Chinese community in the Philippines account for employment generation to the great advantage of our labor force. Their economic contribution, thus, cannot be quantified in terms of monetary benefits alone.

Aside from economic favor, cultural enrichment has likewise been derived from long association and assimilation with the Chinese people. Cultural and social assimilation has resulted in the recognition of numerous Chinese cultural customs, foremost of which is in the Chinese New Year, which is celebrated by many Filipino and Filipino-Chinese with the same festivity as the Chinese Nationals.

By setting aside the day when Chinese New Year falls to commemorate the occasion which both Chinese and most of Filipinos celebrate, we would be enhancing the mutually beneficial relations between us and furthering the amity forged between these two countries.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT DECLARING CHINESE NEW YEAR OF EACH YEAR  
AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY AS A SIGN OF GOODWILL AND AMITY  
BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND CHINA

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

Section 1. In recognition of the immeasurable contribution of the Filipino Chinese community in our country and in order to further strengthen the Filipino-Chinese amity, the Chinese New Year of each year is hereby declared as a special working Holiday throughout the entire Philippines.

Section 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) calendar days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,