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House Bill No. **4154**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

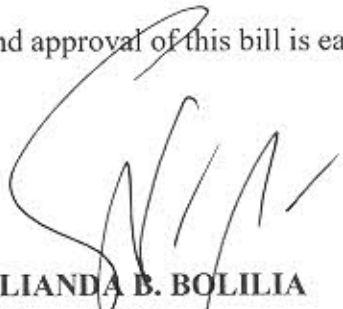
This representation is in receipt of Resolution No. 68-2016 dated October 10, 2016 from the Municipal Council of Padre Garcia, Province of Batangas, requesting the Representative of the 4th District to sponsor a bill declaring December 1 of every year as a non-working holiday in celebration of the founding anniversary of Padre Garcia.

December 1 of every year is a very special date for the people of the Municipality of Padre Garcia. Apty coined as Kabakahan Festival, this celebration commemorates the founding anniversary of Padre Garcia, Batangas, the town known as the Cattle Trading Capital of the Philippines. Indeed, Padre Garcia is home to the country's biggest livestock auction market.

One of the highlights of this annual event is the *Rodeo Ala Garciano*, an event that draws tourists and competitors from different parts of Batangas as well as from other parts of the country. Some of the events include calf lassoing, cattle wrestling, casting down, carambola, airgun shooting competition, singing contest, street dancing and court dancing competition, and animal decoration.

This day, December 1, would present itself as an opportunity for the people of Padre Garcia to celebrate the milestones achieved by their town in the field of agriculture – the very backbone of a society. In addition, it is also an opportune time for educational institutions and the business sector to actively participate in the revelry of festival activities.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate enactment and approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

**DECLARING DECEMBER 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS A NON-WORKING HOLIDAY
IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PADRE GARCIA, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, IN
CELEBRATION OF ITS KABAKAHAN FESTIVAL AND FOUNDING
ANNIVERSARY**

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

SECTION 1. December 1 of every year is hereby declared a non-working holiday in the Municipality of Padre Garcia, Province of Batangas, in celebration of its Kabakahan Festival and founding anniversary.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,