



Eighteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 7986

Introduced by Representative Michael B. Gorriceta

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare November 11 of every year as a local non-working holiday in the entire Province of Iloilo, in commemoration of the birth anniversary of the Ilonggo revolutionary hero General Martin T. Delgado.

Gen. Martin T. Delgado was born in Sta. Barbara, Iloilo in November 11, 1858. He later went on to become a revolutionary hero, as commander and revolutionary head whose leadership led to multiple sieges against the Spaniards and the formation of the Provisional Revolutionary Government.

These events would eventually lead to the Cry of Santa Barbara on November 17, 1898, where he led the raising of the Filipino flag in Santa Barbara town plaza, the first time it was raised outside of Luzon and signified the liberation from Spain.

Gen. Martin T. Delgado was also appointed as teniente mayor and capitan municipal in his hometown, served as the military governor of the Province and General-in-Chief of the army. He was also elected as Governor of Panay.

This proposed measure seeks to recognize the efforts and heroism of General Martin T. Delgado whose leadership and patriotism sparked the fight for freedom not only in Sta. Barbara but in the entire Province of Iloilo.

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

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T. DELGADO TO BE KNOWN AS GEN. MARTIN T. DELGADO DAY**

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

Section 1. November 11 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the Province of Iloilo in commemoration of the birth anniversary of the Ilonggo Revolutionary General Martin T. Delgado.

Section 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,