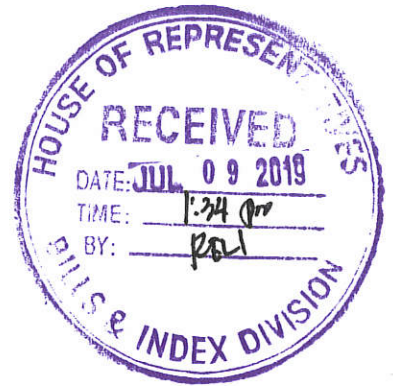


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HOUSE BILL NO. 1708



Introduced by **HON. LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The prosperity of the nation lies in the spirit and character of its youth. Their crucial role is enshrined in no less than the supreme law of this land. Section 13 Article II of the 1987 Constitution reads,

"The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs."

In accordance with the specific provision quoted above, a National Student Leaders' Day Act is hereby proposed.

Under the this bill, public and private schools in the entire country shall spend every 17th of November honoring the hard work, and effort of Filipino student leaders through a program of activities sanctioned by the Department of Education (DepEd) and Commission on Higher Education (CHED), with the support of the National Youth Commission (NYC). It is envisioned that through these activities, students will be exposed to the lives of past and present student leaders, and encouraged to reflect on their own values and aspirations.

Leadership - the impetus to take the first step, and ability to influence others to bring about change - is best introduced to a child's consciousness early. As a concept, it connotes a sense of duty and accountability – the belief that certain acts must be done to one's best ability, and their consequences shall be borne in dignity. As a skill, leadership is also best taught at the earliest opportunity to provide plenty of room for constant practice and improvement.

Through an annual National Student Leaders' Day, this Representation hopes that *leadership* will not be a foreign concept to our youth but a way of life. In light of the foregoing premises, the passage of this bill is humbly sought.


LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.

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AN ACT
DECLARING THE SEVENTEENTH OF NOVEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS
NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERS' DAY

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

CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the National Student Leaders' Day Act.

SECTION. 2. November 17 of every hereby declared a National Student Leaders' Day in the entire country to honor the efforts of student leaders of the past and to foster student leadership and academic excellence among the students of the present.

SECTION. 3. Pursuant to the observance of the National Student Leaders' Day, an annual program of activities shall be prepared and implemented with the National Youth Commission (NYC) as the lead agency.

In support thereof, the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) shall facilitate and promote the commemoration of this day in all public and private schools. The Philippine Information Agency, in coordination with the NYC, the DepEd and the CHED, shall ensure the effective information dissemination of this Act.

SECTION. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,