

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5394



Introduced by the **Honorable ABRAHAM N. TOLENTINO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Liberators Guerilla, founded by Patrocino Gulapa, played an important role in the liberation movement during the Japanese occupation. Historical data have shown that the Liberators Guerilla, formerly known as ANHAP or Anti-Hapones, fought to get rid of the Japanese soldiers in the Ternate-Maragondon area in the Province of Cavite.

The heroism and bravery of the Liberators Guerilla have been recognized by the National Historical Commission and there are plenty of testaments that would show the significance of their bravery in the fight for liberation from the Japanese occupants. The people from the Municipality of Maragondon, Province of Cavite, are very proud that the Liberators Guerilla originated from their town. They also want the entire country to always remember about the significance of the courage that their townmates, who were part of the Liberators Guerilla, showed in defeating the Japanese forces back in the day.

This representation humbly proposes that May 8 of every year be declared as a special working holiday in Maragondon, Cavite, to be called as the "Liberators Guerilla Day." The passage of the proposed law will definitely espouse bravery, nationalism, and love of country, especially among the youth.

Declaring a special working holiday in Maragondon, Cavite to remember the exploits of the Liberators Guerilla is highly proper as it will give honor and recognition to the heroic acts they did during a time when our country was under foreign occupation and oppression. The passage of a law to concretize this recognition will surely set a great mind set for heroism and love of country.

Approval of the bill is earnestly sought.

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TO COMMEMORATE THE HEROISM OF THE LIBERATORS GUERILLA GROUP
AND TO BE KNOWN AS "LIBERATORS GUERILLA DAY"**

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

Section 1. To commemorate the heroism and gallantry of the Liberators Guerilla during the Japanese occupation, May 8 of each year is hereby declared as "Liberators Guerilla Day." The Liberators Guerilla Day shall be special working holiday in the Municipality of Maragondon, Province of Cavite."

Section 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval, and all acts, rules or regulations, or laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED,