

Republic of the Philippines  
**House of Representatives**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila



Eighteenth Congress  
Second Regular Session

7743  
HOUSE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Introduced by Representative Frederick W. Siao**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to declare June 16 of every year as an official non-working holiday in my District, Iligan City.

This is in recognition of the efforts made by our Founding Fathers, the late Senator Tomas L. Cabili and the late Congressman Ali Dimaporo-who both forged the road for Christian and Muslim unity in Mindanao.

As history will show it was the late Senator Tomas L. Cabili who made a move in Congress to declare Marawi (then known as Dansalan) as a City.

Correspondingly and out of great appreciation of that move the late Congressman Ali Dimaporo made the move in Congress to make the then Municipality of Iligan into a Chartered City by virtue of Republic Act 525 which was signed by President Elpidio Quirino on June 16, 1950.

Thus marked the great move for Muslim-Christian unity in my District-a very significant day indeed not only for all Iliganons but all Filipinos who value peace and unity under diversity. It is rightly to be observed as a significant day to be remembered.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is requested.

  
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**AN ACT**

**DECLARING JUNE 16 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL NON-  
WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF ILIGAN TO  
COMMEMORATE ITS FOUNDATION ANNIVERSARY TO BE  
KNOWN AS "ARAW NG ILIGAN"**

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

**SECTION 1.** June 16 of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the City of Iligan to be known as "Araw ng Iligan" in commemoration of its foundation anniversary.

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

Approved,