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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 599



Introduced by: Hon. Bienvenido "Benny" Miranda Abante, Jr.

RESOLUTION

DECLARING JANUARY 16 AS NATIONAL BAPTIST DAY

WHEREAS, Biblical History declared that JOHN the BAPTIST was ordained by God to baptize, as he did baptize, the Lord Jesus Christ in the river Jordan;

WHEREAS, Baptists in our country believe in, and are committed to proclaim, practice, and defend, the Biblical principles and standards of morality and democracy in government and society, to-

- a. promote and strengthen morality in government and private service;
- b. uphold and defend the ideals of democracy;
- c. voice out their views and stand on anarchy, immorality, gambling, illegal drugs, corruption in government, and on other national and local issues affecting or involving the observance and application of biblical principles and standards;
- d. bring about interest to the people concerning the Bible, and biblical principles and standards;
- e. rally against lawless elements and ideologies that espouse violence as a means of crushing down the government or unit

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of government, democracy, and democratic institutions in our country; and

- f. help and support the government and its agencies in the fight against graft and corruption, illegal drugs, and the like;
- g. most importantly to preach “repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ” [Acts 20:21]

WHEREAS, Baptists are committed to actively work with the government and the duly constituted authorities in –

- a. the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare;
- b. the recognition of the sanctity of family life, the protection and strengthening of the family as a basic social institution, and the development of moral character;
- c. promoting the dignity of every human person and full respect for human rights;
- d. the observance and maintenance of honesty and integrity in the public service; and
- e. ensuring that public office is truly a public trust and a sacred trust as defined in [Romans 13:1-4]; that public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency, act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives;

WHEREAS, Baptists believe and are committed to proclaim throughout our land that-

- a. “if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?” [Psalm 11:3];
- b. “when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn” [Proverbs 29:2, KJV]; and

- c. "blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance" [Ps 33:12, KJV] and


WHEREAS, Baptists believe and are committed to proclaim throughout our nation and our people that knowing, understanding and practicing Biblical principles and standards are the ingredients of a healthy nation and people;

WHEREAS, Baptists believe that all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction righteousness [2 Timothy 3:16, KJV];

WHEREAS, Baptists, who have been here in our Country for one hundred nineteen (119) years already, with the coming of the Americans who shared to us their truly-Christian faith, believe that they should be given a special and specific date to be devoted exclusively in proclaiming, teaching, reminding and sharing to our people throughout the nation the grace and mercies of God, His goodness and faithfulness, and the indispensability of biblical principles and standards in our life as a people and as a nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives declare, as it hereby declares, the 16th day of January as a special working holiday to be known as **NATIONAL BAPTIST DAY**; **RESOLVED**, Further, that copies of this Resolution be furnished the Office of the President, the Senate President, the Department of Labor and Employment, the Department of Education, the Civil Service Commission; and other pertinent offices and agencies of the government.

Adopted,



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