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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Introduced by Representative Florida P. Robes

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Constitution (Article IV, Section 14) mandates the State to foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression.

Republic Act No. 8797, otherwise known as "AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN INTO CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE" was enacted on 15 July 2000. Mindful of the promising future of their beloved city in terms of growth and development, the San Joseños translated their agreement on the proposed cityhood with an overwhelming 62.3% turn-out of favorable votes casted during the plebiscite held on 10 September 2010. Immediately thereafter on the same day, San Jose Del Monte was finally proclaimed by the COMELEC as a component city.

The abovementioned victory signals the enactment of Republic Act No. 9750, otherwise known as "AN ACT DECLARING SEPTEMBER 10 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN TO BE KNOWN AS THE "FOUNDATION DAY OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE" on 10 November 2009.

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 9750 to highlight the *Tanglawan Festival* as a festive activity in the celebration of the city's annual foundation day. The *Tanglawan Festival* was first launched as the City of San Jose Del Monte's festive event on 10 September 2016. Derived from the word "tanglaw" which means torch or light, the *Tanglawan Festival* symbolizes the San Joseños quest for hope and a bright future.

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


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HOUSE BILL NO. _____

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AN ACT
COMMEMORATING THE PLEBISCITE VICTORY ON THE
CITYHOOD OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE WITH THE TANGLAWAN
FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ANNUALLY ON SEPTEMBER 10 ON THE
OCCASION OF THE FOUNDATION DAY OF THE CITY OF SAN
JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9750

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9750, entitled: "An Act Declaring September 10 of Every Year a Special Nonworking Holiday in the City of San Jose del Monte, Province of Bulacan to be known as the 'Foundation Day of the City of San Jose del Monte", is hereby amended as follows:

"SECTION 2. September 10 of every year is hereby declared [to be] a special nonworking holiday in the City of San Jose del Monte, Province of Bulacan [to commemorate its founding day and] to be known as the 'Foundation Day of the City of San Jose del Monte' **IN COMMEMORATION OF THE PLEBISCITE VICTORY OF ITS CITYHOOD TO BE CELEBRATED ANNUALLY THROUGH THETANGLAWAN FESTIVAL.**"

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and Regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended

accordingly. SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general Circulation.

Approved,