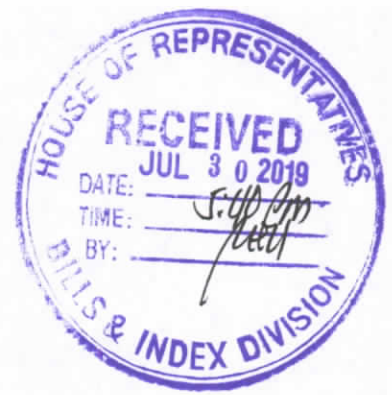


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Introduced by Representative Rose Marie "Baby" Arenas

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**RESOLUTION DECLARING OCTOBER 5 OR WORLD TEACHERS' DAY AND EVERY YEAR  
THEREAFTER AS NON WORKING DAY FOR ALL TEACHERS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE  
SECTORS**

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the invaluable contributions and strategic role of Filipino teachers in both public and private sector in nation-building, Presidential Proclamation 242 declared October as National Teachers' Month;

**WHEREAS**, in order to honor the everyday heroism and great sacrifices of teachers around the world, the United Nations declared October 5 of every year as World Teachers Day;

**WHEREAS**, teachers cannot celebrate World Teachers' Day in the same way as the working people celebrate Labor Day on May 1 because October 5 is a working day;


**WHEREAS**, the typical day of basic education teachers in particular, in the public sector is characterized by waking up early after late night preparations, commuting, trekking and long hours of walk in the case of teachers in far flung areas, teaching often times big number of students in a crowded classroom and equally challenging teaching environment, doing daily lesson log, detailed lesson planning and rigid document-centered new performance system not to mention class observations and other administrative work;

**WHEREAS**, in order to clearly demonstrate our care and deep sense of collective gratitude to our teachers with whom none of us will be where we are now, they should be allowed even for a day to celebrate the World Teachers' Day in the manner they see fit;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, the House of Representatives to declare October 5 or World Teachers' Day and every year thereafter, as non- working day for all teachers in public and private sectors;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, the House of Representatives calls upon the Department of Education, the Commission on Higher Education, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority and Local Government Units with local colleges and universities to hold regular dialogue and consultation with teachers/faculty organizations.

Adopted,



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