

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL No. 1566**



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**Introduced by HON. ROMMEL RICO T. ANGARA**

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**AN ACT DECLARING EVERY 28<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF AURORA TO COMMEMORATE THE DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF DOÑA AURORA ARAGON-QUEZON**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Aurora Province is named after the late first lady Doña Aurora Aragon-Quezon who was born in Baler, Tayabas (now Aurora Province) on February 19, 1888.

During the political career of her husband, then President Manuel Luis Quezon, Doña Aurora Aragon-Quezon stayed in the background and instead involved herself to various women's organizations such as the National Federation of Women's Clubs. As an advocate of women's right, she actively campaigned to give Filipino women the right of suffrage, which was achieved in 1937.


After the death of President Manuel Luiz Quezon in 1944, Doña Aurora Aragon-Quezon volunteered as a nurse in Red Cross and served as the first chairman of the Philippine National Red Cross in 1947 until her death in 1949. She was also active in supporting the programs of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines and continued to be involved in various civic work.

However, despite the gentle and compassionate persona of Doña Aurora Aragon-Quezon, she was ruthlessly assassinated by the members of Hukbalahap on April 28, 1949 while traversing the Bongabong, Nueva Ecija Road, as she was on her way to inaugurate the Quezon Memorial Hospital in her hometown Baler. Also killed during the tragic incident was her eldest daughter, Maria Aurora, son-in-law Felipe Buencamino III, then Quezon City Mayor Ponciano Bernardo and several others.

The tragic and merciless assassination of Doña Aurora Aragon-Quezon and the others should be remembered not only by her advocates but more so by the people of Aurora Province for whom she bravely traversed the road of Bongabon, Nueva Ecija to inaugurate the Quezon Memorial Hospital.

This bill seeks to declare the 28<sup>th</sup> of April of every year as a special working holiday in the Province of Aurora to commemorate the Death Anniversary of Doña Aurora Aragon-Quezon and her compassion and love for the people of Aurora.

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

  
**ROMMEL RICO T. ANGARA**  
*Representative*  
*Lone District of Aurora*

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

1 **SECTION 1. *Death Anniversary of Doña Aurora Aragon-Quezon.*** – In order to  
2 commemorate the death anniversary of former first lady Doña Aurora Aragon-Quezon,  
3 April 28 of every year is hereby declared as a special working holiday in the Province of  
4 Aurora.

5 **SECTION 2. *Implementation.*** The Local Government of Aurora shall plan and implement  
6 appropriate ceremonies for the observance of the Death Anniversary of Doña Aurora  
7 Aragon-Quezon.

8 **SECTION 3. *Funding.*** The Local Government of Aurora, through the Sangguniang  
9 Panlalawigan, shall appropriate Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P500,000.00) annually  
10 which shall be devoted in the implementation of appropriate ceremonies for the  
11 observance of the Death Anniversary of Doña Aurora Aragon-Quezon in the Province of  
12 Aurora.

13 **SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.*** If any section or provision of this Act is held  
14 unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not affected thereby shall  
15 remain valid and effective.

16 **SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.*** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules  
17 and regulations, or any part thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act  
18 are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

19 **SECTION 6. *Effectivity.*** This law shall take effect within fifteen (15) days from publication  
20 in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,