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House Bill No. **3561**

Introduced by Representative Joaquin M. Chipeco, Jr.

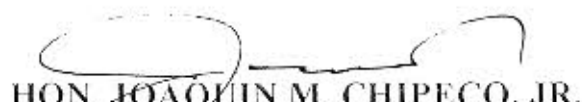
EXPLANATORY NOTE

On August 1, 2016, the Sangguniang Bayan of Los Baños, Laguna adopted its Resolution No. 2016-28 requesting that a law be passed to declare September 17 of every year as a special non-working holiday in the municipality to celebrate the town's founding anniversary and the annual Bañamos Festival.

There is much merit to the request of the people and the officialdom of Los Baños. On September 17, 1615, Don Luis Villa issued a decree authorizing the Franciscan Friars to govern Los Baños as a separate town from Bay, Laguna. Thus, Los Baños evolved from a simple provincial town to a premier and world renowned "Special Science and Nature City of the Philippines".

To declare the special date a local non-working holiday would allow the people of Los Baños the fullest opportunity to acclaim the town's colorful history and culture, celebrate its great natural wonders and local products, and showcase the community spirit and pride of the place.

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


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AN ACT
DECLARING SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON-
WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS, PROVINCE OF
LAGUNA IN CELEBRATION OF THE TOWN'S FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY
AND THE ANNUAL BAÑAMOS FESTIVAL

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

SECTION 1. September Seventeen of every year is hereby declared a special non-working holiday in the Municipality of Los Baños, Province of Laguna in celebration of the town's Founding Anniversary and the annual Bañamos Festival.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon approval.

Approved,