

Eighteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6083



Introduced by Representative Michael B. Gorriceta

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare November 17 of every year as a local non-working holiday in the Municipality of Sta. Barbara in the Province of Iloilo, in commemoration of "The Cry of Sta. Barbara".

The Cry of Sta. Barbara transpired on November 17, 1898, through the leadership of Gen. Martin T. Delgado. It was the first time that the Philippine flag was raised outside of Luzon and marked the fall of Spain in the Philippines.

This proposed measure seeks to recognize the heroism of the local leaders, especially, Gen. Martin T. Delgado, who planned and led the revolution against the Spaniards, Patrocinio Gamboa and Lt. Honorio Solinap, who smuggled together the Philippine flag to enter Sta. Barbara, among others.

Furthermore, by declaring November 17 as a local non-working holiday in the Municipality of Sta. Barbara, it seeks to gain the status of the Municipality as the "seat of freedom" in the Visayas.

Along with this comes the hopeful recognition of the importance of historical events and its significance in the development and progress of the Municipality.

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

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IN COMMEMORATION OF THE CRY OF STA. BARBARA

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

SECTION 1. The Municipality of Sta. Barbara was the location of the "Cry of Sta. Barbara" on November 17, 1998, thus, November 17 of every year is declared a local non-working holiday in the Municipality of Sta. Barbara.

SEC. 2. By declaring November 17 of every year as a local non-working holiday in the Municipality of Sta. Barbara, it would recognize the heroism of the locals involved in the attainment of freedom in the Municipality. This local holiday would be an opportunity for the local government unit and locals of Sta. Barbara to celebrate and pay homage on its commemoration and to recognize the municipality as the "seat of freedom" in the Visayas.

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,