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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Quezon City, Metro Manila

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 5938

## Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the date February 17 as an official non-working holiday in the whole province of Southern Leyte to commemorate our brothers and sisters who died during the landslide in barangay Guinsaugon, Municipality of St. Bernard, Province of Southern Leyte in the year 2006. The official death count was one thousand one hundred twenty-six (1,126).

The passage of this bill will serve as a reminder not only to the residents living in St. Bernard, Southern Leyte but for the whole nation that we need to take care of our environment to avoid another ill-fated catastrophe. The remaining survivors of this tragedy surely will remember the most painful day that happened in their lives.

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

**ROGER G. MERCADO**

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### AN ACT
### DECLARING FEBRUARY 17 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NON -WORKING HOLIDAY IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS THE "GUINSAUGON DAY" IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE 2006 LANDSLIDE IN BARANGAY GUINSAUGON, MUNICIPALITY OF ST. BERNARD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE

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

1    **SECTION 1.** February 17 of every year is hereby declared a specialshall working holiday

2    in the Province of Southern Leyte to be known as the "Guinsaugon Day" in memory of the victims

3    of the 2006 landslide in Barangay Guinsaugon, Municipality of St. Bernard, Province of Southern

4    Leyte.

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6    **SECTION 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*

7    *Gazette* or in a newspaper in general circulation.

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10    Approved,