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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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3146

House Bill No. _____



Introduced by Representative Roman T. Romulo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the 2nd day of July as the "Araw ng Pasig".

Pasig was founded by the Augustinians on July 2, 1572, and is considered as one of the oldest municipalities in the Philippines. On June 11, 1901, Act No. 137 incorporated the Pasig City was incorporated into the newly created province of Rizal and it became the provincial capital. In 1975, Presidential Decree No. 824 made Pasig as part of Metro Manila.

On July 26, 1994, Republic Act No. 7829 converted Pasig into a highly urbanized city (HUC). On January 21, 1995, through a plebiscite the law was ratified by the people of Pasig. However, Araw ng Pasig is being celebrated on July 2, the day it was founded in 1572 through Proclamation No. 656 signed in 2004 by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

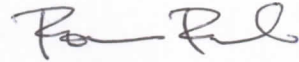
Pasig is located near the southeastern end of Pasig River and bounded on the east by Cainta and Taytay, on the west by Mandaluyong City, on the north Marikina City and Quezon City, on the south of Makati City, Taguig City and Peteros.

Its settlers were called "taga-ilog" or "river people." According to Dr. Jose Villa Panganiban, a noted linguist and former director of the Institute of national Language, the word "pasig" is believed to have originated from a Sanskrit term which means a "river that flowed from one body of water to another."

From a center of trade and commerce during the pre-Hispanic period, Pasig is now a highly urbanized city. Its residential, commercial, education, industrial and recreational facilities are progressively growing. It has been recognized by UNESCO and the National Commission for Culture and Arts as outstanding culture-friendly local government unit. It has garnered the Crown Award as consistent regional outstanding winner in nutrition, and earned the Green Banner Award of the Department of Health (DOH) and the National

Nutrition Council as the most outstanding city in NCR in nutrition program implementation and management.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of the proposed measure is earnestly requested.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roman T. Romulo', with a stylized, cursive script.

ROMAN T. ROMULO
Lone District, Pasig City

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INTRODUCED BY REP. ROMAN T. ROMULO

AND ACT

DECLARING JULY 2 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN PASIG CITY, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "ANNIVERSARY DAY OF PASIG CITY"

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

SECTION 1. July 2 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in Pasig City, to be known as the "Anniversary Day of Pasig City."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,