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EXPLANATORY NOTE

A World Bank study concluded that the teachers are the single most important factor in the education of students. In fact, the teaching profession is considered as one of the noblest profession as the object of teaching is to enable those taught to get along without a teacher. Thus, the effectiveness of a teacher may be gauged on how soon his or her students can stand on their own. Yet the teaching profession is not only about teaching skills and sharing information and knowledge. It is, in its true sense, teaching the love for learning and continuing education.

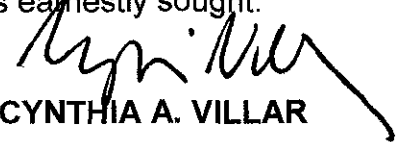
It follows therefore, that the teaching profession is one of the most influential professions whose contribution in shaping not only the minds but the values of our youth, and consequently, the future of the nation is without debate.

Thus, beginning 1994, the UNESCO declared October 5 as World Teachers' Day in commemoration and recognition of the "Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers" signed on October 5, 1966 by the Special Intergovernmental Conference on the Status of Teachers where the Philippine State is one of the signatories. Following this UNESCO declaration, many countries in the world started to officially celebrate their own teachers' day. But there were countries which declared national teachers' day even prior to the UNESCO declaration, like Malaysia in 1956, Thailand in 1957, and Vietnam in 1958, to name a few.

However, the Philippines, which has more than half a million-strong teaching force in public elementary and secondary education alone, has no official celebration of Teachers' Day aside from the token commemoration of October 5 as World Teachers' Day.

It is, therefore, the intention of this bill to make such official declaration making October 5 of each year a special working holiday in celebration of the World Teachers' Day.

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


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2 **AN ACT**
3 **DECLARING THE FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS**
4 **THE NATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY**

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

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9 **Section 1. National Teachers' Day.** The fifth day of October of every year is
10 hereby declared as the "National Teachers Day."

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12 To ensure a meaningful observance of this special working holiday, all heads of
13 government agencies and instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled
14 corporations especially those that are directly dealing with the teachers, including local
15 government units, and employers in the private sector, shall encourage and afford
16 sufficient time and opportunities for their employees to engage and participate in any
17 activity conducted within the premises of their offices or establishments in celebration of
18 the "National Teachers' Day."

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20 **SEC. 2. Effectivity** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
21 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
22 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

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25 Approved,