



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5818

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROMUALDEZ AND AGGABAO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 1683

AN ACT DECLARING OCTOBER 18 OF EVERY YEAR AS A SPECIAL
NONWORKING PUBLIC HOLIDAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
TOLOSA, PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE KNOWN AS
“SEMAPHORE SIGNAL DAY”

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

1 SECTION 1. October 18 of every year is hereby declared a special
2 nonworking public holiday in the Municipality of Tolosa, Province of Leyte to
3 be known as “Semaphore Signal Day”. This special day shall be observed to
4 commemorate the heroic act of Scout Valeriano Abello who, through
5 semaphore flag signaling, warned American Forces about to bomb the eastern
6 part of Leyte that only Filipino civilians and no Japanese soldiers were in the
7 area.

8 SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the
9 completion of its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general
10 circulation.

Approved,