



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4148

BY REPRESENTATIVES TINIO, RODRIGUEZ (R.), RODRIGUEZ (M.), LEONARDIA, COJUANGCO (K.), ROMULO, MERCADO-REVILLA, COLMENARES, ILAGAN, HICAP, ZARATE, DE JESUS, RIDON, CALIXTO-RUBIANO, TEODORO, AGARAO AND PRIMICIAS-AGABAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 156

AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF WORLD TEACHERS' DAY, DECLARING FOR THE PURPOSE THE FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER OF EVERY YEAR AS NATIONAL TEACHERS' DAY IN THE PHILIPPINES

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "National Teachers' Day
2 Act".

3 SEC. 2. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State to recognize
4 the essential role of teachers in the educational and moral advancement of the
5 people, especially the youth, and the importance of their contribution to the
6 development of our society.

7 The State likewise recognizes the international observance of World
8 Teachers' Day which was first observed in 1994 by the United Nations
9 Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to
10 commemorate the signing on October 5, 1966 of the Joint

1 UNESCO-International Labor Organization Recommendation Concerning the
2 Status of Teachers, a landmark document that sought to establish international
3 standards as bases to promote and protect the teaching profession.

4 SEC. 3. In recognition of the observance of the World Teachers' Day,
5 the Fifth day of October of every year is hereby declared as "National
6 Teachers' Day".

7 SEC. 4. The Department of Education (DepED), the Commission on
8 Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical Education and Skills
9 Development Authority (TESDA) shall initiate the holding of appropriate
10 activities in celebration of National Teachers' Day including:

11 (a) Information drives that give due recognition and honor to our
12 teachers;

13 (b) Awareness sessions, such as story-telling, art works and other
14 related activities to be participated in by school children;

15 (c) Free medical and dental check-ups for teachers; and

16 (d) Recognition activities for outstanding teachers.

17 All public and private educational institutions in the elementary,
18 secondary, post-secondary and tertiary levels shall provide their full support
19 and assistance to the activities conducted by teachers and students in
20 recognition of National Teachers' Day.

21 SEC. 5. The Philippine Information Agency, in coordination with the
22 DepED, the CHED and the TESDA, shall ensure the effective information
23 dissemination of this Act.

24 SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
25 in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,