



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8967

BY REPRESENTATIVES EVARDONE, DAZA, NOEL AND
PRIMICIAS-AGABAS, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1153

AN ACT DECLARING DECEMBER 11 OF EVERY YEAR A
SPECIAL NONWORKING HOLIDAY IN THE ENTIRE
COUNTRY TO BE KNOWN AS "INTERNATIONAL
FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND DIPLOMACY DAY
IN THE PHILIPPINES", IN RECOGNITION OF THE
IMPORTANT INITIATIVES PURSUED FOR THE
RETURN OF THE BALANGIGA BELLS

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

- 1 SECTION 1. December 11 of every year is hereby declared a
2 special nonworking holiday in the entire country to be known as
3 "International Friendship, Cooperation and Diplomacy Day in the
4 Philippines", to encourage both natural and juridical persons, in the
5 private and public sector, to further inculcate upon themselves,
6 the importance of diplomacy, cooperation and friendship, and to
7 recognize, among others, the efforts pursued for the return of the
8 Balangiga bells.

1 SEC. 2. The Office of the President shall lead the initiatives
2 in the conduct of appropriate and relevant activities for the
3 successful observance of the holiday.

4 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
5 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
6 circulation.

Approved,

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