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AN ACT
DECLARING FEBRUARY 23 OF EVERY YEAR A SPECIAL WORKING
HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS "NATIONAL ROTARY DAY"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The first Rotary Club in Asia was formed in the Philippines in 1919. Over a hundred years later, what started with just a humble group of 38 original members in Manila, has now spread its roots to over 800 clubs in the Philippines. A tree of leaves branching out from one place to another, showing the country philanthropy at its best.

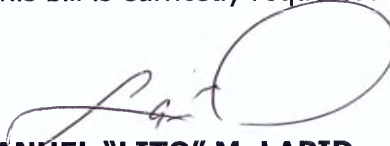
Many noble programs have helped communities and individuals alike in achieving their goals. Services have been brought by the club even to the far-flung areas, offering medical and surgical services to indigenous communities who would have otherwise been left unserved.

At the heart of its diverse and far-reaching projects are its six (6) missions, to wit: promoting peace, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, helping to grow local economies, and fighting disease by giving vaccinations. In its decades of existence in the country, it has provided many opportunities that have helped Filipinos to make a future for themselves. They have also focused on health programs which, the pandemic has made us realize, are truly necessary in the development and survival of any nation.

For all its contributions to the Filipino society, it is only fitting to propose a measure that would declare a day in every year, dedicated to remembering the dedication and commitment of this group to the Philippines.

This bill aims to recognize the role that the Rotary Club of the Philippines has played in our history.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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

4 Section 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the "National Rotary Day
5 Act."

6 Sec. 2. *National Rotary Day.* – February 23 of every year is hereby declared a
7 special working holiday to be known as "National Rotary Day" in recognition of the
8 invaluable contributions of the Rotary Club of the Philippines to humanitarian and
9 community service.

10 Sec. 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect (15) days after its publication in
11 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

12 *Approved,*