

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**Nineteenth Congress**  
First Regular Session

**House Bill No. 739**



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**Introduced by the Honorable Ma. Cynthia “Cindi” K. Chan**

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to declare June 17 of every year a special non-working holiday in the City of Lapu-Lapu, Province of Cebu, in commemoration of its charter day anniversary.

On June 17, 1961, Republic Act (RA) No. 3134, otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Lapu-Lapu, was signed into law by President Carlos P. Garcia. Said law converted the former municipality of Opon into the present-day City of Lapu-Lapu. It named the city after Datu Lapulapu, a chieftain of Mactan and the first Philippine national hero who led the defeat against Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan.

Lapu-Lapu City has a total land area of 58.10 square kilometers and is composed of 30 barangays. According to the 2020 census, the city is home to 497,604 *Oponganons*. It is a first-class, highly urbanized city where the Mactan-Cebu International Airport—the country’s second busiest airport—is located.

Every year, upon the request of the City Government of Lapu-Lapu, the Office of the President declares June 17 a special non-working day in the city to allow its people to celebrate and participate in its annual celebrations. Sixty-one (61) years after the enactment of RA No. 3134, it is high-time that Lapu-Lapu City’s Charter Day be declared a special non-working holiday through legislation. In so doing, the people of Lapu-Lapu City will automatically be given an opportunity to recognize the men and women whose hard work and effort continue to contribute to their city’s progress

as well as allow them to take part in celebrating the city's accomplishments while ruminating on its historic founding in 1961.

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



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THE CITY OF LAPU-LAPU, PROVINCE OF CEBU, IN COMMEMORATION OF ITS  
CITY CHARTER DAY ANNIVERSARY**

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

SECTION 1. June 17 of every year is hereby declared a special nonworking holiday in the City of Lapu-Lapu, Province of Cebu, in commemoration of its charter day anniversary.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,