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S.B. No. 2522

(In substitution of S.B. No. 1548, taking into consideration H.B. No. 6522)

Prepared by the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture,
with Senators Villar, Go, and Gatchalian as authors thereof.

AN ACT
DECLARING THE SECOND THURSDAY OF JANUARY OF EVERY YEAR A
SPECIAL WORKING HOLIDAY TO BE KNOWN AS "NATIONAL BAPTIST DAY"

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 Baptist Day Act".

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3 SEC. 2. It is the declared policy of the State to recognize the Baptists for the
4 continuous pursuit of their evangelical mission to contribute to nation-building by
5 establishing Christian schools that instill academic excellence and build character in
6 individuals, and churches that proclaim, teach and share biblical principles for the
7 betterment of society.

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9 SEC. 3. To recognize the important contribution of the Baptists in nation-
10 building, the State shall promote the observance of the second Thursday of January
11 of every year as "National Baptist Day" and proclaim the same as a special working
12 holiday.

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

Approved,