

Republic of the Philippines QUEZON CITY COUNCIL

Quezon City 18th City Council

PR2011-214

37th Regular Session

RESOLUTION NO. SP. 5302 S-2011

A RESOLUTION URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES (BOTH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE) TO PASS A RESOLUTION DECLARING YEAR 2012 AS "TANDANG SORA YEAR" TO COMMEMORATE MELCHORA AQUINO'S 200TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY.

Introduced by Councilor RODERICK M. PAULATE.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Godofredo T. Liban II, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jessica Castelo Daza, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Francisco A. Calalay, Jr., Dorothy A. Delarmente, Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Joseph P. Juico, Alexis R. Herrera, Alfredo D. Vargas III, Eden "Candy" A. Medina, Julienne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Julian ML. Coseteng, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Jaime F. Borres, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Edcel B. Lagman, Jr., Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Raquel S. Malañgen, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Marvin C. Rillo, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica and John Ansell R. De Guzman.

WHEREAS, Sections 15 and 16, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provide respectively that, the State shall conserve, promote and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations; that all the country's artistic and historic wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be under the protection of the State which may regulate its disposition;

WHEREAS, Melchora Aquino de Ramos, who was born on January 6, 1812 and died on March 2, 1919, was a "Filipino revolutionary who became known as "Tandang Sora" in the history of the Philippines because of her advanced age when the Philippine Revolution broke out in 1896; X

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WHEREAS, Tandang Sora gained the title "Grand Woman of the Revolution" and the "Mother of Balintawak" for her heroic contributions to the struggle for the Philippine Independence;

WHEREAS, during the Revolutionary Era, Tandang Sora supported the revolutionaries by providing them nourishment, medical attention and encouraged them with motherly advice and prayers. She was captured and interrogated by the Spaniards but remained loyal and steadfast to the cause of independence and was eventually deported;

WHEREAS, in 1898, Melchora Aquino returned to the Philippines and died on March 2, 1919 at the age of 107;

WHEREAS, Tandang Sora serves as a symbol of women empowerment and an inspiration to all women;

WHEREAS, considering the above-given circumstances, it is incumbent upon the Quezon City Government to commemorate the 200th Birth Anniversary of the late Melchora Aquino de Ramos, a hero and icon of the Philippine Revolution;

WHEREAS, it is important to educate the people of Quezon City, especially the youth about the achievements of Tandang Sora especially as she is the only revolutionary hero who lived and worked in what is now Quezon City;

WHEREAS, it is a declared policy of the City Government to ensure and support, among other things, the cultivation of patriotism and nationalism in every resident of Quezon City and the promotion and preservation of Filipino culture in order to inspire the people to participate in development and nation building.

NOW, THEREFORE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby urge the Congress of the Philippines (both the House of Representatives and Senate) to pass a Resolution to commemorate the 200th birth anniversary of the illustrious Melchora Aquino and declare year 2012 as "Tandang Sora Year".

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RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to the Office of the President, Office of the Senate President and Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED: September 12, 2011.

JULIAN ML. COSETENG 2nd Asst. Majority Floor Leader Acting Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, dpa City Secretary

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on September 12, 2011 and was CONFIRMED on September 19, 2011.

DOROTHY D. LAGRADA, dpa y City Secretary