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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 1200, S-99

A RESOLUTION STRONGLY URGING THE PRESENT CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO RESTORE THE STATUS OF CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES TO QUEZON CITY AND TO RETAIN THE PERMANENT SEAT OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO METROPOLITAN MANILA AREA.

Introduced by Councilors ANTHONY C. CASTELO, WILMA AMORANTO-SARINO, VINCENT P. CRISOLOGO, ANTONIO L. SIOSON, ELIZABETH A. DELARMENTE, GEORGE M. CANSECO, ROMMEL R. ABESAMIS, WINSTON "Winnie T. CASTELO, MA. FRESCA M. BIGLANG-AWA, GODOFREDO T. LIBAN II, MARCIANO P. MEDALLA, ENRICO S. SERRANO, ERIC Z. MEDINA, EUFEMIO C. LAGUMBAY, MICHAEL F. PLANAS, JULIAN M.L. COSETENG, FERNANDO V. AVANZADO, NANETTE CASTELO DAZA, JESUS C. SUNTAY, MARCEL C. RILLO, RAMON G. MATHAY, ALMA F. MONTILLA, BAYANI V. HIPOL, ALMARIO E. FRANCISCO and MARVIN C. RILLO.

WHEREAS, Quezon City is quite like no other city in the whole world, for from the very moment of its conception it was already created as a prime city and it was dreamed of and planned to be not just another city, but as the capital of the Philippines visualized by President Manuel L. Quezon, founder of Quezon City and among the fighters for our independence;

WHEREAS, the dream and ambition of President Quezon was for the working class of the City of Manila and its suburbs to have decent housing, schools and playgrounds, parks and potable water and all the conveniences of sanitation and peaceful living, a grand vision to give his social justice program a tangible reality;

WHEREAS, Quezon City is the only metropolis in the whole world that was created out of a consuming, overpowering love for those who have less in life, but who in the name of all that is noble and good deserve more;

WHEREAS, due to the intervention of World War II Quezon City did not become the capital City as it was planned to be until July 17, 1948, when the Congress of the Philippines finally enacted R.A. No. 333 and signed into law by President Elpidio Quirino making Quezon City the capital of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, in 1976 during the Martial Law regime when the Congress of the Philippines was suspended, P.D. No. 940 designated Manila as the capital of the Philippines and the area prescribed as Metro Manila under P.D. No. 824 was made the permanent seat of the national government;

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WHEREAS, since 1976, the sentiment of the Quezon City Council and the residents of Quezon City to restore the status of the capital of the Philippines to Quezon City has been their constant desire as previously manifested in 1988 in its Resolution No. NC-28, S-88, and in 1993 in its Resolution No. SP-154, S-93 and at present under this Resolution ;

WHEREAS, restoring to Quezon City the status of the capital of the Philippines will be in keeping with the grand vision of President Quezon, supported by both chambers of Congress as the showplace of the nation, economically and productive self-contained community, center of learning, arts and the depository of the cultural heritage of the nation;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to redirect and correct the course of history by restoring the status of the capital of the Philippines to Quezon City as desired by its founder, the Congress of the Philippines and the people of Quezon City;

WHEREAS, restoring to Quezon City the capital of the Philippines is not a disadvantage on the part of the City of Manila, for Manila has for long established itself and is recognized all over the world as the Center of Commerce, Trade and Industry of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, under P.D. No. 824 creating Metro Manila, all the sixteen (16) local government units (LGU's) surrounding the City of Manila, that includes Quezon City, was already consolidated with the City of Manila for the purpose of coordination and cooperation towards metropolitanization officially named as the Metropolitan Manila Area;

WHEREAS, the City of Manila has nothing to lose by restoring to Quezon City the status of the capital of the Philippines, for Quezon City and the rest of the LGU's surrounding the City of Manila, have already been made geographically into one special metropolitan political subdivision, as the permanent seat of the national government;

NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUEZON CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to urge, as it does hereby strongly urge, the present Congress of the Philippines to restore the status of Capital of the Philippines to Quezon City and to retain the permanent seat of the national government to Metropolitan Manila Area.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and the President of the Republic of the Philippines.

ADOPTED: June 8, 1999.

ATTESTED:

EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary


JORGE L. BANAL
President Pro-Tempore
Acting Presiding Officer

