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RESOLUTION NO. SP-1623, S-2001

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING JULY 4 OF EVERY YEAR AS PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC DAY IN QUEZON CITY PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT 4166 SIGNED BY PRESIDENT DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL IN 1962 AND IN RECOGNITION OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR CITY'S FOUNDER, PRESIDENT MANUEL L. QUEZON.

Introduced by Councilor ANTHONY C. CASTELO.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Wilma Amoranto-Sarino, Alma F. Montilla, Eric Z. Medina, Ma. Fresca M. Biglang-awa, Godofredo T. Liban II, Elizabeth A. Delarmente, Marciano P. Medalla, Rommel R. Abesamis, Jesus C. Suntay, Bayani V. Hipol, Antonio L. Sioson, Julian M.L. Coseteng, Jorge L. Banal and Almario E. Francisco.

WHEREAS, even if the nation celebrates July 4 of every year as Philippine American Friendship Day, it is but fitting for the city to, likewise, celebrate this day as Philippine Republic Day pursuant to Republic Act 4166 signed by President Diosdado Macapagal in 1962 and in recognition of the accomplishments of our city's founder President Manuel L. Quezon.

WHEREAS, while President Macapagal signed Republic Act 4166 in 1962 changing our Independence Day from July 4 to June 12 (the day Filipinos first declared independence from foreign rule) correcting long time historical error which undermined the heroic accomplishments of first Philippine President General Emilio Aguinaldo and other Filipino heroes, he, likewise, maintained July 4 as Philippine Republic Day in recognition of the outstanding achievements of our city's founding father, President Manuel L. Quezon.

WHEREAS, based on the Philippine historical events, our city's founding father Manuel L. Quezon together with other Filipino great leaders had desired and intended to make Quezon City as the symbol of our new found political freedom and self-rule immediately after Filipinos gained independence from the United States in July 4, 1946,

WHEREAS, in a survey by the Social Weather Station (SWS) regarding the (10) top events that happened in our country for the last century, the victory of the Independence Movement on July 4, 1946 as the life long crusade of our beloved President Manuel Luis Quezon and other great Filipino leaders like Sergio Osmena, Manuel Roxas, Elpidio Quirino and many others ranked second only after EDSA I Revolution;

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WHEREAS, the fulfillment of Philippine political freedom and self-rule achieved on July 4, 1946 was the result of the continuing effort of President Quezon after the June 12, 1898 declaration of the Philippine Independence from Spain. President Quezon, who was then a political leader and member of the National Assembly, persistently worked for the passage of the Tydings/Mcduffie Act of 1934 creating the Commonwealth Government of the Philippines as transitory government towards full Philippine political freedom;

WHEREAS, it is important for the people of Quezon City and the nation as a whole to remember the significance of this day, July 4, 1946 as the end of a momentous era in the history of our country and to underscore the role of President Quezon and Commonwealth government which led to our full freedom after almost 400 years of foreign domination. This is likewise to correct misconception that the Commonwealth was only an American sponsored government and to put history in its proper perspective that if not for the commonwealth transitory government, our country today could probably still be under foreign rule;

WHEREAS, the realization of the July 4, 1946 political freedom was the greatest achievement of our city's founding father President Manuel L. Quezon who died and failed to see the dawn and fulfillment of his quest for our country's freedom and self rule that should always be remembered as his greatest contribution to our freedom loving people;

WHEREAS, it is important that the valuable contributions of our city's founder President Quezon to the political emancipation of our people and the promotion of our national progress during his stewardship of the government be inculcated in the minds of Quezon City residents, particularly the youth of this country.

NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to commemorate, as it does hereby commemorate, July 4 of every year as Philippine Republic Day in Quezon City pursuant to Republic Act 4166 signed by President Diosdado Macapagal in 1962 and in recognition of the accomplishments of our City's Founding Father, President Manuel L. Quezon.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the copy of this resolution be furnished to all parties concerned.

ADOPTED: June 26, 2001.


ATTESTED:

EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary


JORGE L. BANAL
President Pro-Tempore
Acting President officer

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution which was included in the agenda was approved on 2nd Reading on June 26, 2001 under Suspended Rules, and was confirmed on the same date.


EUGENIO V. JURILLA
City Council Secretary