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HOUSE BILL NO. 3052

Introduced by Representative Nanette Castelo Daza

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On July 17, 1948, Quezon City was established as the Capital City of the Philippines by virtue of Republic Act No. 333. However,, on June 24, 1976, said law was repealed by Presidential Decree No. 940, declaring Manila as the Capital of the Philippines and as the permanent seat of the national government.

Looking back, we can proudly say that Quezon City has transformed itself into a thriving City with the enormous infrastructure developments and improvements particularly its road networks and flourishing business establishments. With the massive infrastructure progress, it is now able to absorb modern transportation, communications and accommodation facilities.

Notwithstanding the fact that Quezon City is now considered a center of trade, commerce and education, it has been planned as the National Government Center, where a huge area in Constitution Hill is expected to be developed to accommodate the Legislative, Judiciary and Executive Groups. As early 1967, transfer of national government offices to Quezon City has been ordered. With the presence of a number of national government offices like the House of Representatives, Sandiganbayan, Civil Service Commission, Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Commission on Audit, transfer of other government offices in the area is encouraged.

Establishing Quezon City as the Capital City of the Philippines and declaring it as the permanent seat of the national government is imperative to fully realize the vision of a National Government Center that can pave the way to an efficient and effective public service. Hence, this proposed measure.

In the light of the foregoing, I urge this august body to expedite approval of this Bill.


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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING QUEZON CITY AS THE CAPITAL OF
THE PHILIPPINES AND THE SEAT OF THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF NATIONAL BUILDINGS AND
RELATED STRUCTURES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. Quezon City shall be the Capital of the Philippines and shall be known as the National Government Center thereby designating it the permanent seat of national government; and by that name it shall have perpetual succession; have and use a common seal and alter the same at pleasure; sue and to be sued, and prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution; take and purchase, receive, hold, lease, convey, and dispose of real and personal property, for the benefit of the City, with or without its corporate limits; contract and be contracted with; and execute all the powers hereinafter conferred.

SEC. 2. There is hereby established in the Capital City of the Philippines, specifically on Constitution Hills, Quezon City, national buildings which shall consist of the Legislative Group, the Judiciary Group and the Executive Group, and other related structures for effective and efficient governance and delivery of basic services.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways is hereby directed and authorized to enter into contracts with private persons, natural or juridical, for the architectural and engineering services, construction and

completion of the said national buildings and related structures on Constitution Hills, in consultation with the Senate President and Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court as regards their respective building groups, and upon prior approval of the President of the Philippines.

SEC. 4. To finance the initial construction of the national buildings that will house the government offices in the Capital City, including related structures, the sum of Five Hundred Million Pesos (P500M) is hereby appropriated.

Additional funds to finance the construction of the national buildings and related structures shall be taken from the sale and rentals from the lease of government properties and all amounts for the rental of office space by any agency or instrumentality of the national government that may no longer spend or pay for such rental.

Thereafter, the amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 5. All prior appropriations for national buildings and other improvement projects pertaining to the legislative, judiciary and executive groups are hereby made increments of the appropriations provided for in the preceeding section.

SEC. 6. If any part or provision of this Act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 7. All laws, executive orders, decrees, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.