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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Rizal Province, named after the national hero Dr. Jose P. Rizal, was officially declared as a province on June 11, 1901 by virtue of Act No. 137 by the First Philippine Commission. The province was then composed of 29 municipalities with Pasig as the seat of provincial government. On November 7, 1975, thru Presidential Decree No. 824, the municipalities of Las Piñas, Parañaque, Muntinlupa, Taguig, Pateros, Makati, Mandaluyong, San Juan, Malabon, Navotas, Marikina and Pasig were removed from the province and clustered with what was created as the National Capital Region. However, to this day, Pasig, now a city, remains to be the official capital of Rizal despite its removal from the territorial and political jurisdiction of the province. The unusual situation persists due to the lack of congressional action declaring the official capital of the province anywhere else within the province.

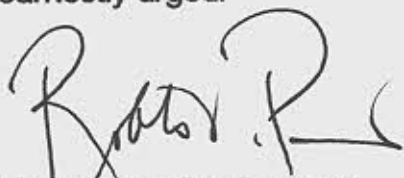
On the other hand, Antipolo, arguably the most prosperous of the municipalities left within the embrace of the province of Rizal, was converted into a city on April 4, 1998 under Republic Act No. 8505. On March 4, 2009, a new provincial capitol building was inaugurated in the City of Antipolo to replace the old capitol in Pasig City which was already outside the jurisdiction of Rizal Province. With the transfer of the provincial government to Antipolo City, it is highly favored to be officially designated as the new

capital of the province. It is geographically located at the center of the province and is accessible by land from all directions. It is also host to a number of vital government facilities and installations.

With this objective, the Provincial Board of Rizal passed Resolution No. 146, Series of 2013, earnestly requesting the House of Representatives through the four (4) representatives of the province to declare the City of Antipolo as the capital of the Province of Rizal.

This bill seeks to realize said objective and to finally put to rest the question of which is the official provincial capital of the Province of Rizal.

For the foregoing reason, the immediate passage of the proposed measure is earnestly urged.



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AN ACT
TRANSFERRING THE CAPITAL AND SEAT OF GOVERNMENT
OF THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL FROM PASIG CITY TO ANTIPOLLO CITY,
PROVINCE OF RIZAL

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

SECTION 1. *Transfer of Capital* - The capital and seat of government of the Province of Rizal shall be transferred from Pasig City (Metro Manila) to Antipolo City, Province of Rizal.

SECTION 2. *Establishment of a Provincial Government Center* - Upon effectivity of this Act, the present Provincial Capitol established in Antipolo City shall be deemed as the official Provincial Government Center where all the provincial offices shall be located.

SECTION 3. *Separability Clause* - If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause* - This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved.