

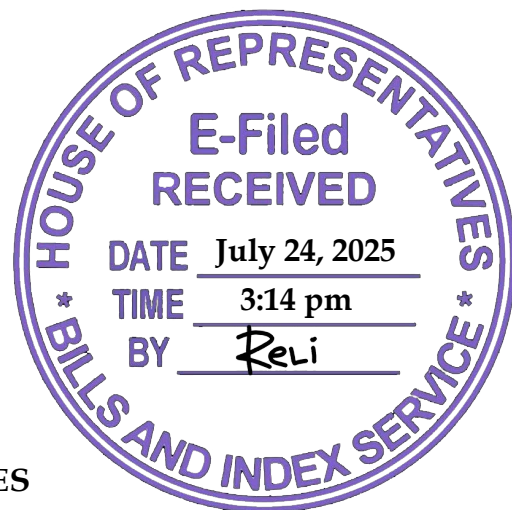


Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**TWENTIETH CONGRESS**

First Regular Session

House Bill No. **2261**



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**Introduced by Representative Ma. Victoria Co - Pilar**

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The 6th Legislative District of Quezon City holds a distinguished place in the annals of Philippine history. Within its 11 barangays lie sacred grounds that witnessed the valor, sacrifice, and revolutionary spirit of the Filipino people in their struggle against Spanish and American colonizers.

The district is home to the legacy of Melchora Aquino de Ramos, more popularly known as "Tandang Sora", the beloved "Mother of the Philippine Revolution." Her compassion and courage—tending to the sick and wounded Katipuneros—made her a pillar of strength during the fight for independence. Her remains now rest in Barangay Tandang Sora, a constant reminder of her enduring contribution to our freedom.

Within the same district lies Barrio Banlat—now part of Barangay Pasong Tamo—where General Emilio Jacinto, the "Brains of the Katipunan," was laid to rest. Lieutenant Apolonio Samson, another revolutionary hero and trusted follower of Supremo Andres Bonifacio, was born in this district and led uprisings in the area. Oral traditions and historical accounts from long-established families affirm that Barrios Kangkong, Banlat, and Bagbag were hubs of revolutionary activity and strategy, culminating in significant battles that shaped the course of our nation's independence.

In recognition of its storied past, then Mayor Herbert Bautista issued Office Order No. 91, s.2011, declaring the Historical Banlat Area—a designation that acknowledged the role of the district in the Philippine Revolution. Later, by an act of

Congress, the area was formally established as Quezon City's 6th Legislative District, reinforcing its historical and political identity.

This bill seeks to institutionalize the recognition of the 6th District of Quezon City as a historical and cultural zone – a place where the blood, tears, and dreams of revolutionaries gave rise to the liberty we enjoy today. It honors the people and families of the district, many of whom are direct descendants of the country's earliest freedom fighters. Moreover, the bill opens the area for scholarly research and historical inquiry, inviting future generations to uncover the untold stories that remain buried in its soil.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate and favorable passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT**  
**DESIGNATING AND RECOGNIZING THE 6<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**  
**OF QUEZON CITY AS THE "HISTORICAL BANLAT DISTRICT OF**  
**QUEZON CITY"**

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

**SECTION 1. Short Title.** - This act shall be known as the "Historical Banlat District of Quezon City Act".

**SEC. 2. Designating and Recognizing the 6<sup>th</sup> Legislative District of Quezon City as the "Historical Banlat District of Quezon City".** - The 6<sup>th</sup> Legislative District of Quezon City is hereby granted the official designation as the "Historical Banlat District of Quezon City" in recognition of the Historical events that took place within the boundaries of the 11 barangays comprising the district.

**SEC. 3. Implementation.** - The Department of Interior and Local Government, the Department of Tourism, the Department of Education and the local government of Quezon City shall issue the necessary and appropriate orders and circulars to implement the provision of this Act.

**SEC. 4. Effectivity** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.