

Republic of the Philippines  
Congress of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Metro Manila

Sixteenth Congress

Third Regular Session



Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of July, two thousand fifteen.

RESOLUTION NO. 233

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Section 44 of Republic Act No. 8491 provides that "Any government entity, including the military, may adopt appropriate coat-of-arms, administrative seals, logo, insignia, badges, patches, and banners; and initiate awards, citations, orders or decorations; as may be authorized by Congress or the Office of the President.";

WHEREAS, Section 163 of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the present Congress provides that "The House shall adopt its official seal. Use of the official seal shall be restricted to official documents, transactions and other related official legislative purposes unless otherwise permitted or directed by the House through the Speaker or his duly authorized representative.";

WHEREAS, previous Congresses have adopted an official seal of the House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, it is now incumbent upon the present Congress to formally adopt an official seal that is reflective of the character, history and tradition of the House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, it was in 1907 that the First Philippine Legislature was established, consisting of the Philippine Commission and the Philippine Assembly, with the latter serving as the predecessor of the House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, it is proposed to inscribe "1907" below the escutcheon of the present seal of the House of Representatives, representing the year the First Philippine Assembly was inaugurated at the Manila Grand Opera House, in lieu of "1987" which represents the year the Congress of the Philippines was convened after being abolished by Martial Law in 1972: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives, To adopt the official seal of the House of Representatives.*

*Resolved, further, That the seal of the House of Representatives shall be circular in form with the National Coat-of-Arms of the Republic of the Philippines but without the scroll and the inscription thereon in the center, with "1907" inscribed below the escutcheon of the seal to represent the year the First Philippine Assembly was inaugurated, and a circle comprised of stars guiding the blazon to represent the number of provinces comprising the Republic, and surrounding the whole*

shall be a double marginal circle within which shall appear the words "House of Representatives" in the upper part and "Philippines" in the lower part, the two (2) phrases being divided by two (2) small five (5)-pointed stars.

Adopted,



FELICIANO BELMONTE JR.

*Speaker*

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on September 23, 2015.



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*Secretary General*