



REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS
PAMAHALAANG LUNGSOD NG MUNTINLUPA
KALAKHANG MAYNILA

Sangguniang Panglungsod

RESOLUTION NO. 05-109

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES TO AMEND SECTION 62 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7926 BY CREATING AN ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE LONE DISTRICT OF MUNTINLUPA CITY.

Sponsored by: Hon. Atty. Raul R. Corro
Hon. Lucio B. Constantino
Hon. Engr. Mamerto T. Sevilla, Jr.
Hon. Melchor R. Teves
Hon. Artemio A. Simundac
Hon. Christian Glenn D. Lorica
Hon. Allan Rey A. Camilon
Hon. Ma. Luisa Babaran-Echavez, M.D.
Hon. Allen F. Ampaya
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Hon. Elmer S. Espeleta
Hon. Francis Ian T. Bagatsing
Hon. Marissa Cole-Rongavilla
Hon. Mario E. Bulay, Jr.

WHEREAS, Section 5 (1), of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, *"The House of Representatives shall be composed of not more than two hundred fifty members, unless otherwise provided by law, who shall be elected from legislative districts apportioned among the provinces, cities, and the Metropolitan Manila Area in accordance with the number of their respective inhabitants, and on the basis of a uniform and progressive ratio, and those who as provided by law, shall be elected through a party-list system of registered national, regional and sectoral parties or organizations"*;

WHEREAS, Section 5(3), Article VI, of the said Constitution further provides that, *"Each legislative district shall comprise, as far as practicable, contiguous, compact and adjacent territory. Each city with a population of at least two hundred fifty thousand, or each province, shall have at least one representative."*;

WHEREAS, Section 5(4), Article VI, of the said Constitution further provides that, *"within three (3) years following the return of every census, the congress shall make a reapportionment of legislative districts based on the standards provided in this section"*;

WHEREAS, it is very clear from the aforecited provisions that the underlying principle behind the rule of apportionment is the basic concept of equality of representation, which is a fundamental principle of republicanism;



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WHEREAS, the City of Muntinlupa was apportioned with one legislative district under *Republic Act No. 7926*, otherwise known as an Act Converting the Municipality of Muntinlupa into a highly-urbanized city which took effect on *March 1, 1995* but the election of its first Congressman representing the Lone District of Muntinlupa was held only in the next regular election which occurred in *May 1998*;

WHEREAS, based on the last census conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO) in the year 2000, the population of Muntinlupa was placed at 379,310;

WHEREAS, by the year 2007 the population of Muntinlupa City is projected to increase to more than 500,000, considering that the city's annual growth rate of 3.14 percent is one of the highest in Metro Manila and in the country;

WHEREAS, with the fast pace of development in the city's commercial and business centers such as Filinvest Corporate City, and Madrigal Business Park and the conversion of the 450-hectare New Bilibid Prison Reservation-National Penitentiary into a socialized housing and government housing site, the population of Muntinlupa will further increase with the expected migration of thousands of new residents and workers in our city;

WHEREAS, with an additional legislative district in Congress, the people of Muntinlupa will tremendously benefit not only in the allocation of additional financial resources from the national budget such as the **Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF)** but also in the wider representation in the House of Representatives which will have two representatives from the City of Muntinlupa;

WHEREAS, the creation of an additional legislative district will result in the reapportionment on Muntinlupa City into two congressional districts: First Congressional District of Muntinlupa which is composed of Barangays Tunasan, Poblacion, Putatan, Bayanan; and Second Congressional District of Muntinlupa which is composed of Barangays Alabang, Cupang, Buli, Sucat and Ayala-Alabang;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panglungsod of Muntinlupa is earnestly requesting its incumbent representative from the Lone District of Muntinlupa, **Hon. Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon**, to file and sponsor a bill creating an additional legislative district for Muntinlupa City in the House of Representatives, whose representative shall be elected in the next congressional elections scheduled on May 2007;



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WHEREAS, it is likewise earnestly requesting **Hon. Senators Rodolfo Biazon, Pia Cayetano** and **Manuel Villar**, who represent Muntinlupa in the Senate, to file and co-sponsor a counterpart bill creating the additional legislative district for Muntinlupa City in the Senate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HERBY RESOLVED, by the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa that a resolution be passed requesting Congress of the Philippines to amend **Section 62 of Republic Act 7926**, otherwise known as "**An Act Converting the Municipality of Muntinlupa into a Highly Urbanized City**" by creating an additional legislative district in the House of Representatives for the lone congressional district of Muntinlupa City;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to let a copy of this resolution be immediately furnished our honorable representative for the Lone District of Muntinlupa, **Congressman Rozzano Rufino B. Biazon, Senators Rodolfo Biazon, Pia S. Cayetano** and **Manuel Villar** for their appropriate action.

APPROVED, by the **Fourth (4th) Sangguniang Panlungsod of Muntinlupa** this **7th** day of **July 2005**, on its **41st** Regular Session.

CONCURRED:

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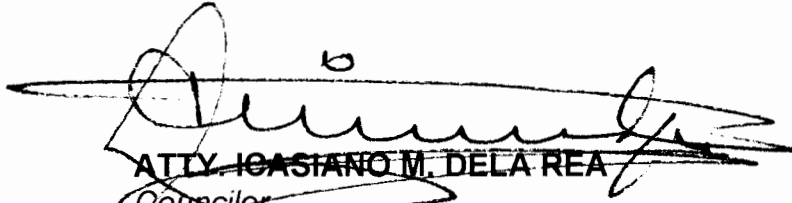


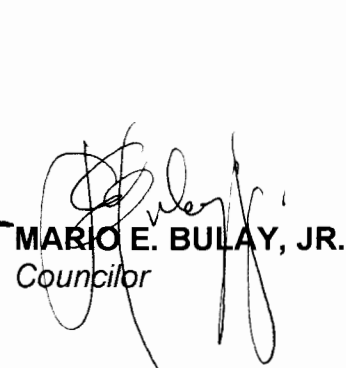
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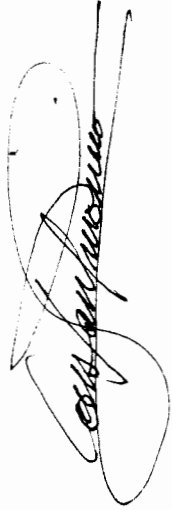
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Councillor

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Councillor

I HEREBY CERTIFY, as to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.


CECILIA C. LAZARTE
Secretary
Sangguniang Panlungsod



ATTESTED:


ALDRIN L. SAN PEDRO
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


ATTY. JAIME R. FRESNEDI
City Mayor

Date: _____



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