

Representation in Congress is indispensable in ensuring continued and sustainable growth and development of the City. Being a major contributor to our heritage, our economy and our national pride, by these the City deserves to have a voice in our national government. Add to this the needs parallel to its growth: health and nutrition, availability and access to basic social services, the right to free primary and secondary education and access to quality tertiary education, housing and urban facilities, public peace and security, disaster preparedness, job opportunities and provision for conducive business environment. The city must keep pace to the demands of a

modern metropolis. Having its own representative in Congress is not just a right; it is a demand for the city's survival.

Our Constitution is clear and unambiguous, "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.**" Way back the year 2008, the National Statistics Office has issued a certification that the projected population of the City of Malolos may reach more than 250,000 for the year 2010. Based on the 2015 Census of Population released by the Philippine Statistics Authority, the population of the City of Malolos is already 252,074.

If I may now call my colleagues in the House of Representatives to give their full support and backing in defending the constitutional rights of our people and assert our right and constitutional power as a collective body, as the Philippine legislature, to be accorded respect as to our determination of facts, grant the power of legislative act to this bill. A separate congressional district for the city, in fulfillment of their constitutional right and social justice and equity, sustain and continue its own growth and development. The historic town deserves its renaissance. Our democracy and republic owe it to the city, the home of our independence and political self-domination, to ensure that it too be granted a voice amidst our national political arena.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5836

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**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 57 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8754, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE CHARTER CITY OF MALOLOS**

*Be it adopted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippine in Congress
assembled:*

Section 1. Legislative District – Section 57 of Republic Act No. 8754, otherwise known
as the Charter of the City of Malolos is hereby amended as follows:

“Sec. 57. [Representative Legislative District – Until otherwise provided by law,
the City of Malolos shall continue to be a part of the First Congressional District of
Bulacan Province] **HAVE ITS OWN LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT TO
COMMENCE AFTER THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT.**”

Section 2. The incumbent representative of the First District of the Province of Bulacan
shall continue to represent the City of Malolos until the new representative of
the lone district of the City of Malolos shall have been elected and qualified in
the next Congressional election.

Section 3. Rules and Regulations – The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary
rules and regulations to implement this Act.

Section 4. Repealing Clause – All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act,
are hereby repealed, amended or modified, accordingly.

Section 5. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect after fifteen days following the
completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of
general circulation.

Approved,

