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House Bill No. 337

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JUAN FIDEL FELIPE F. NOGRALES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

It has been almost forty years since the municipality of Montalban has been renamed as the municipality of Rodriguez. Despite this, the place is still commonly referred to as "Montalban." Majority of the constituents of the place proudly consider themselves as residents of Montalban. In fact, there are a number of residents of the place who do not even recognize the official name of "Rodriguez." Commuters and drivers give directions and refer to signs that read "Montalban," since many do not recognize "Rodriguez" when such name is used to refer to the place. It has even become standard practice in the area to mention "Montalban" when referring to "Rodriguez" as a form of clarification.

Truly, the people have always identified themselves with the name "Montalban." Thus, not only is the use of "Montalban" practical, given its widespread use and awareness, but more importantly, the use of "Montalban" gives its people a sense of pride and connection with the rich history of their land, their home, their people. The name "Montalban" has

embedded itself, over the course of a century, into the collective identity of its people.

Meanwhile, imposing the name "Rodriguez" has created a disconnect between the government and the people of Montalban. Even after almost forty years, the people have not embraced "Rodriguez" and have expressed their strong desire to revert to "Montalban." This sentiment has always been clear.

If only to give the people back their connection to their home, this bill seeks to rename the municipality of "Rodriguez" to the municipality of "Montalban." For the reasons cited, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT RENAMING THE MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ
TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONTALBAN**

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

SECTION 1. *Change of Name* - The Municipality of Rodriguez is
hereby renamed the Municipality of Montalban.

SECTION 2. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite* - The renaming of
Rodriguez as Montalban shall be subject to ratification by a majority of the

votes cast by the qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted in the present municipality of Rodriguez.

The Commission on Elections shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite in compliance with Section 13(g) of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991."

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause* - All other laws, decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity*. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the at least two (2) newspapers of general and local circulation.

Approved,