

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING PLAZA GUIPIT IN SAMPALOC TO "PLAZA ISABELO DE LOS REYES."

WHEREAS, the late Isabelo de los Reyes, who was fondly called "Don Belong" by his many friends and followers, unceasingly labored for the welfare of his country and people with the force and might of his pen, winning diplomas and medals of gold and silver for his work in international expositions;

WHEREAS, the late Isabelo de los Reyes, upon being repatriated to the Philippines after his ignominious confinement at the Castillo de Montjuich in Barcelona, Spain, for no other reason than his boldness in revealing and exposing the abuses of the friars and the colonial government in the Philippines, founded on February 2, 1902 the first labor union of the Philippines, which was the forerunner of the present labor unions and movements that stand as the guardians of the rights of the present-day laboring masses;

WHEREAS, during the incumbency of the late Isabelo de los Reyes as councilor of the City of Manila, to which position he was twice elected and served the people of Manila in that capacity from 1922 to 1928, he became the sole spokesman of the residents in their city government which was at that time dominated by Americans, one of the most important measures presented by him to the City Council being a resolution asking for immediate and absolute independence for the Philippines;

WHEREAS, as a token of gratitude and sincere appreciation for the dedicated and loyal services of the late Isabelo de los Reyes to the City of Manila and its residents, it is only fitting and just that some public place be named after him to keep his memory alive in the minds of the present generation of Manila residents and the generations to come after them: Now, therefore Be it ordained by the Municipal Board of the City of Manila, that:

SECTION 1. Plaza Guipit in Sampaloc is hereby renamed "Plaza Isabelo de los Reyes."

SEC. 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted by the Municipal Board of the City of Manila at its regular session today, December 4, 1964.

Approved by His Honor, the Mayor on *December 11, 1964*.

APPROVED:

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ANTONIO J. VILLEGAS  
Mayor  
City of Manila

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HERMINIO A. ASTORGA  
Vice Mayor and  
Presiding Officer, Municipal Board

ATTESTED:

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SERAFIN P. MANALO  
Secretary to the Mayor

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MANUEL A. ROBLES  
Secretary, Municipal Board

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