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SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 538

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government; and Electoral Reforms and  
People's Participation on JAN 26 2022.

Re: House Bill No. 8899

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 8899 with amendments, taking into  
consideration Senate Bill No. 2258

Sponsor: Senator Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Local Government; and Electoral Reforms and People's  
Participation, to which were referred **House Bill No. 8899**, introduced by  
Representative Juan Fidel Felipe F. Nograles, entitled:

**"AN ACT**

**RENAMING THE MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ IN THE  
PROVINCE OF RIZAL AS THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONTALBAN"**

taking into consideration **Senate Bill No. 2258**, introduced by Senator Imee R. Marcos, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
RENAMING THE MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ IN THE  
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have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that House Bill No. 8899, taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 2258, be approved with the following amendments.

1. On page 1, line 11, insert a new Section 3 and renumber the succeeding Sections accordingly, to read thus:

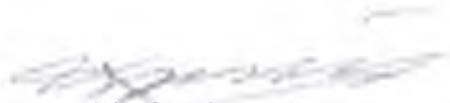
**"SEC. 3. THIS ACT REPEALS BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 275, ENTITLED  
"AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
MONTALBAN, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF  
RODRIGUEZ."**

2. Still on page 1, lines 6 to 8, delete the phrase "in compliance with Section 13(g) of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991."
3. To change the title of the Bill, to read thus:

**"AN ACT  
RENAMING THE MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ IN THE PROVINCE  
OF RIZAL AS THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONTALBAN, REPEALING FOR  
THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 275"**

Respectfully submitted:

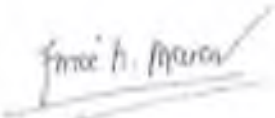
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

II. No. 8899

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BY REPRESENTATIVE NOGRALES (J.F.F.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 812

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AN ACT

RENAMING THE MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL AS THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF MONTALBAN

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

1        **SECTION 1.** The Municipality of Rodriguez in the Province Rizal is hereby  
2        renamed as THE Municipality of Montalban.

3        **SEC. 2.** The renaming of THE Municipality of Rodriguez as Municipality of  
4        Montalban shall be effective upon ratification of the majority of the votes cast by  
5        qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission  
6        on Elections (COMELEC) in the present Municipality of Rodriguez in compliance  
7        with Section 13 (g) of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the  
8        Local Government Code of 1991.

9        The expenses for such plebiscite shall be borne by the Municipality of  
10       Rodriguez, Province of Rizal.

11       **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
12       *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

13       ***Approved,***

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE )  
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SENATE  
S.B. No. 2268



Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

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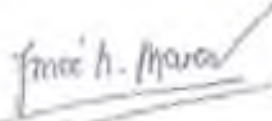
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Municipality of Rodriguez is formerly known and still commonly known as Montalban. According to the 2015 census, it has a population of 369,222 people making it as the most populous municipality in the country. It has been nearly four decades since the Municipality of Montalban was renamed as the Municipality of Rodriguez. However, the majority of Montalban's constituents are proud to call themselves as residents of Montalban. In fact, many residents of the area are not familiar with the official name "Rodriguez." Moreover, even the 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. The name "Montalban" has always been associated with the people. Thus, not only is the use of "Montalban" practical, given its widespread use and awareness, but it also provides its people with a sense of pride and connection to the rich history of their land, home, and people.

Hence, this bill seeks to rename the Municipality of "Rodriguez" in the Province of Rizal as the Municipality of "Montalban." This is also in consideration of the strong desire of the people to revert to Montalban.

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

  
**IMEE R. MARCOS**

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S.B. No. 2258



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