

QC to build plaza in honor of katipunero

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A plaza in honor of Apolonio Samson, a katipunero who helped fund the revolutionary movement during the Spanish occupation, will soon rise in a Quezon City barangay named after him.



Mayor **Joy Belmonte** yesterday expressed support for the establishment of the plaza during the 102nd founding anniversary of Barrio Kangkong, the previous name of Barangay Apolonio Samson.

Previously a part of Balintawak, the area was constituted as a separate barangay in 1962.

It was where the Katipunan hatched the plan to rise against the Spanish regime.

The barangay was named after Samson, whose house is located in the village, through an executive order issued by former Quezon City mayor Norberto Amoranto in 1975.

Samson was a captain of the Philippine revolutionary forces and was notable for donating his wealth to fund the revolution.

Belmonte said it was during her term as vice mayor when she first envisioned the construction of the plaza dedicated to Samson.

“This is our dream of barangay captain Elizabeth de Jesus when I was still the vice mayor,” she said. “Now that I am the mayor, it will be our priority to have a plaza in honor of Apolonio Samson.”

The mayor described him as someone similar to other heroes such as Andres Bonifacio, Melchora Aquino and Jose Rizal.

The barangay is set to pass a resolution expropriating a property behind the barangay hall where the plaza will be built.