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Quezon City, Metro Manila**

**THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1841

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Introduced by **Rep. Rodolfo "Ompong" G. Plaza**

Explanatory Note

It is the declared policy of the State to provide free public secondary education to all qualified citizens of the country.

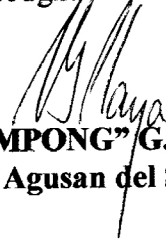
This bill seeks to attain the objective of the foregoing policy for the residents of Barangay La Fortuna, Municipality of Veruela, Province of Agusan del Sur and its adjoining municipalities by converting the high school administered by the Parent-Teachers' Association at the Barangay La Fortuna, Veruela, Agusan del Sur into a national government-funded secondary school to be known as the La Fortuna National High School.

The existing school in said barangay is established and maintained by a Parent-Teacher Association, the members of which have been pursuing the initiative since 1998 in their ardent desire to have their children educated. However, due to the poor economic standing of the parents in the area, most of whom are farmers and small store owners, the present school offers poor facilities of very poor quality. There is also no other means of effectively extending basic secondary education to the student population because of the poverty in the area.

Fortunately, the Parent-Teachers Association, which now owns the school, is very much willing to turnover all the facilities they now have to the national high school which this bill seeks to establish.

In general, this bill seeks to fulfill the national government's duty and obligations to enable those who are qualified and willing to attend and enjoy free secondary education. Through the conversion of the PTA-Administered School into a National High School, the government may effectively bring itself closer to the people, and it will, in effect be promoting the economic growth of the countryside, through alleviation from poverty and ignorance.

Hence, the early approval of this measure is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT
CONVERTING THE HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTERED BY THE PARENT-
TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION AT THE BARANGAY LA FORTUNA,
MUNICIPALITY OF VERUELA, PROVINCE OF AGUSAN DEL SUR INTO A
NATIONAL GOVERNMENT-FUNDED SECONDARY SCHOOL TO BE
KNOWN AS THE LA FORTUNA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. The high school owned and administered by the Parent-Teachers’ Association at Barangay La Fortuna, Municipality of Veruela, Province of Agusan del Sur is hereby absorbed by the national government and converted into a regular secondary school, under the full control and supervision of the national government through the Department of Education.

SECTION 2. This school shall be known officially as the La Fortuna National High School.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary for the establishment, operation, and maintenance of the La Fortuna National High School shall be drawn out of the annual appropriations of the Department of Education under the current General Appropriations Act the year following its enactment.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,