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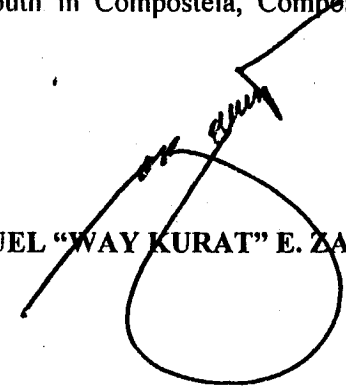
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Being out of school is not the conscious choice of most young Filipinos especially in the countryside. Given a preference of earning a degree or bumming around for the rest of their lives without the assurance of a permanent and good-paying job, the rational choice is the former. Or given one's non-priority of education in his personal agenda for self-advancement, personal success in today's fast-paced world is still dictated by the wealth of skills and training he or she has acquired. However, it is unfortunate that the economic crunch and the lack of accessible and affordable learning institutions take their heavy toll on aspiring students all over the country. Most students drop out of school when their financial capability can no longer sustain their educational expenses. The end result: a legion of unemployed, underemployed, illiterate and ill-equipped labor force throughout the archipelago.

Left out in the cold, this huge portion of our population will eventually become a liability in the long run. The lack of any career opportunity pushes them to the fringes of society. Their becoming "unwanted social elements" is almost certain. Hence, the necessity of addressing their economic needs and providing them the manpower training in order for them to cope with the demands of today's world. Honing their livelihood and business capabilities will greatly benefit them. The only practical course of action given the situation is to make them as useful as can be. Being large in numbers, their upliftment will necessarily spell progress for the society as a whole.

In the light of the foregoing, this bill calls for the establishment of a Congressional District Skills Training Center for Out-of-School Youth in Compostela, Compostela Valley Province. Its immediate passage is earnestly urged.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A DISTRICT SKILLS TRAINING CENTER FOR OUT-OF-
SCHOOL YOUTH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF COMPOSTELA,
COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. A District Skills and Training Center for Out-of-School Youth is hereby established in the First Congressional District of Compostela Valley Province.

SEC. 2. The center shall be situated in the municipality of Compostela, Compostela Valley Province.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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

Approved,